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Now 80 years old, Pete is the oldest surviving Disney character. He first appeared February 15, 1925 as the villain in Walt Disney's animated/live action short *Alice Solves the Puzzle.* Though originally featured as a bear in the Alice Comedies and Oswald Rabbit cartoons, he became a cat to take Mickey on in *Steamboat Willie,* and a cat he remains today. His various aliases include Bootleg Pete (at the start), Putrid Pete, Pegleg Pete, Black Pete, Foxy Pete, Sneaky Pete, Bold Pete, and Big Bad Pete. Not to mention Louie the Leg, Tiny Tom, Pierre De Fraud, and Pierre De La Pooch, just to name a few.

You can see crooked lawyer Sylvester and spy Trigger Hawkes, two of Pete's partners in crime, on the 12th page of "History Re-Petes Itself." Other famous partners of Pete have been Eli Squinch, Scuttle, Dexter Dingus, Agent Von Weasel, and two Romano Scarp characters, both of whom have yet to appear here: Pete's inventor cousin Portis (Plottigat) and his infamous "moll," Trudy Van Tubb. Note that we're also using "Frozen Gold" this issue because a Carl Barks version of Pete is in it.

—David Gerstein

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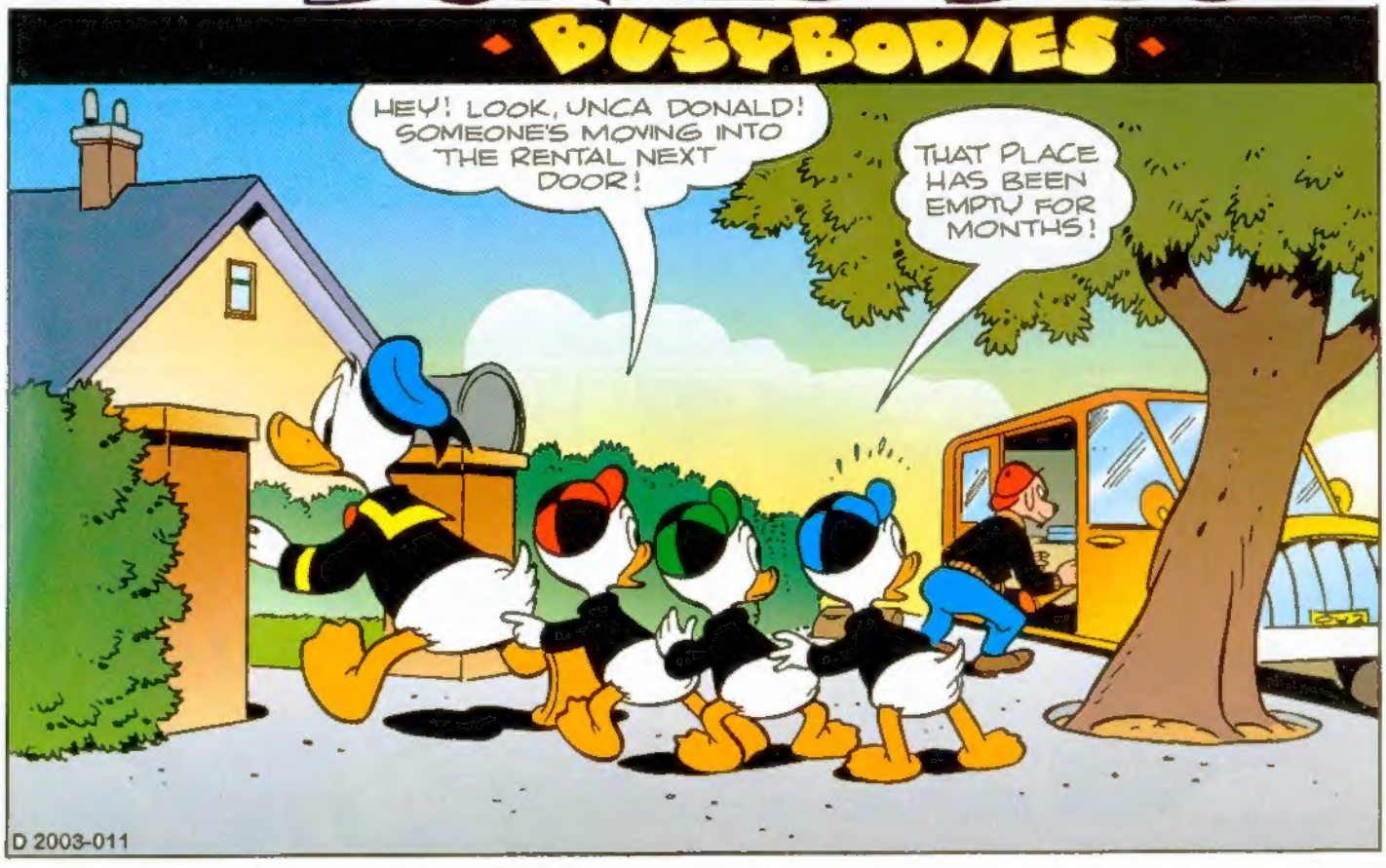
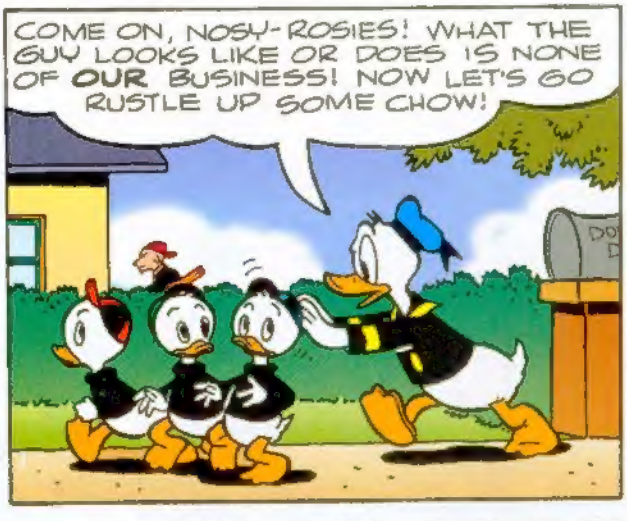
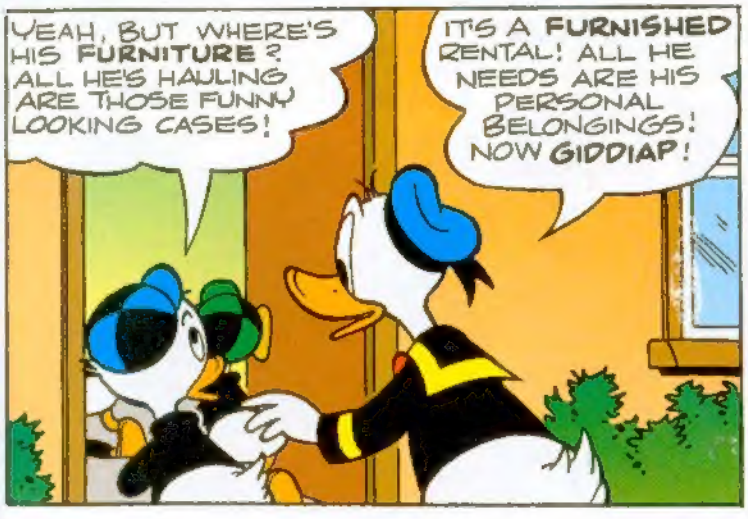
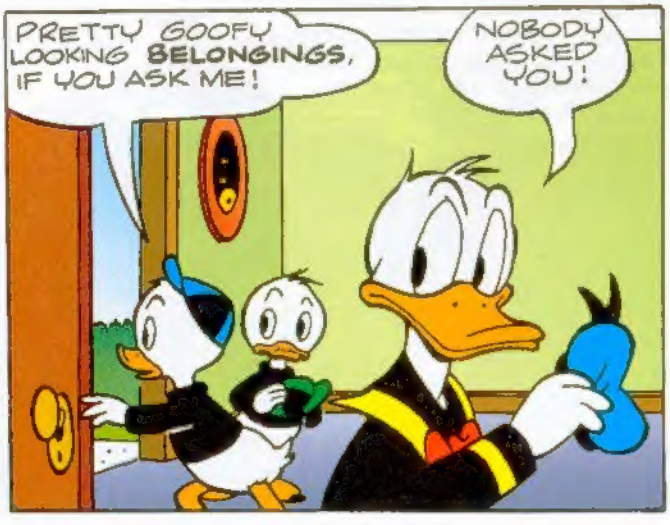
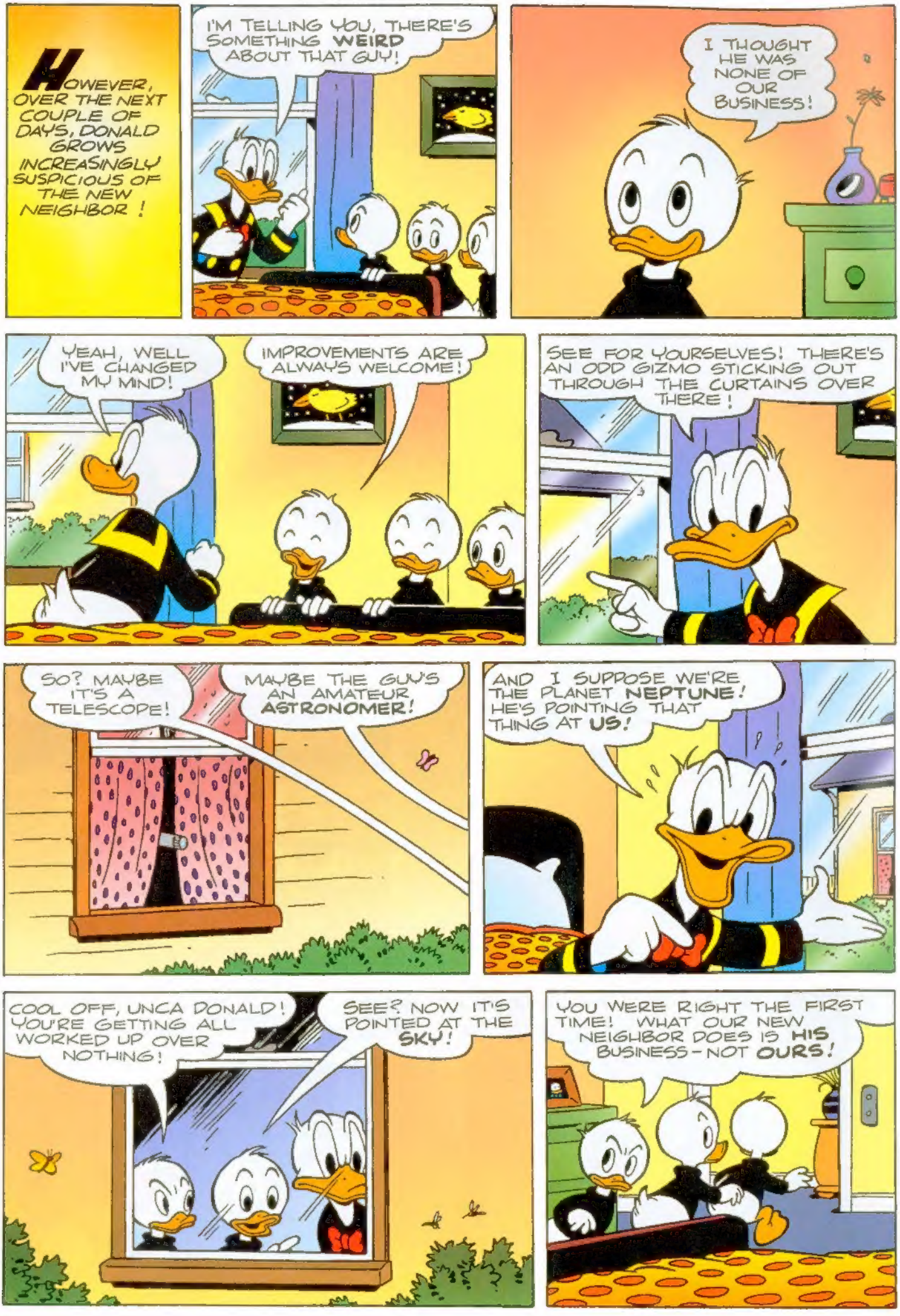
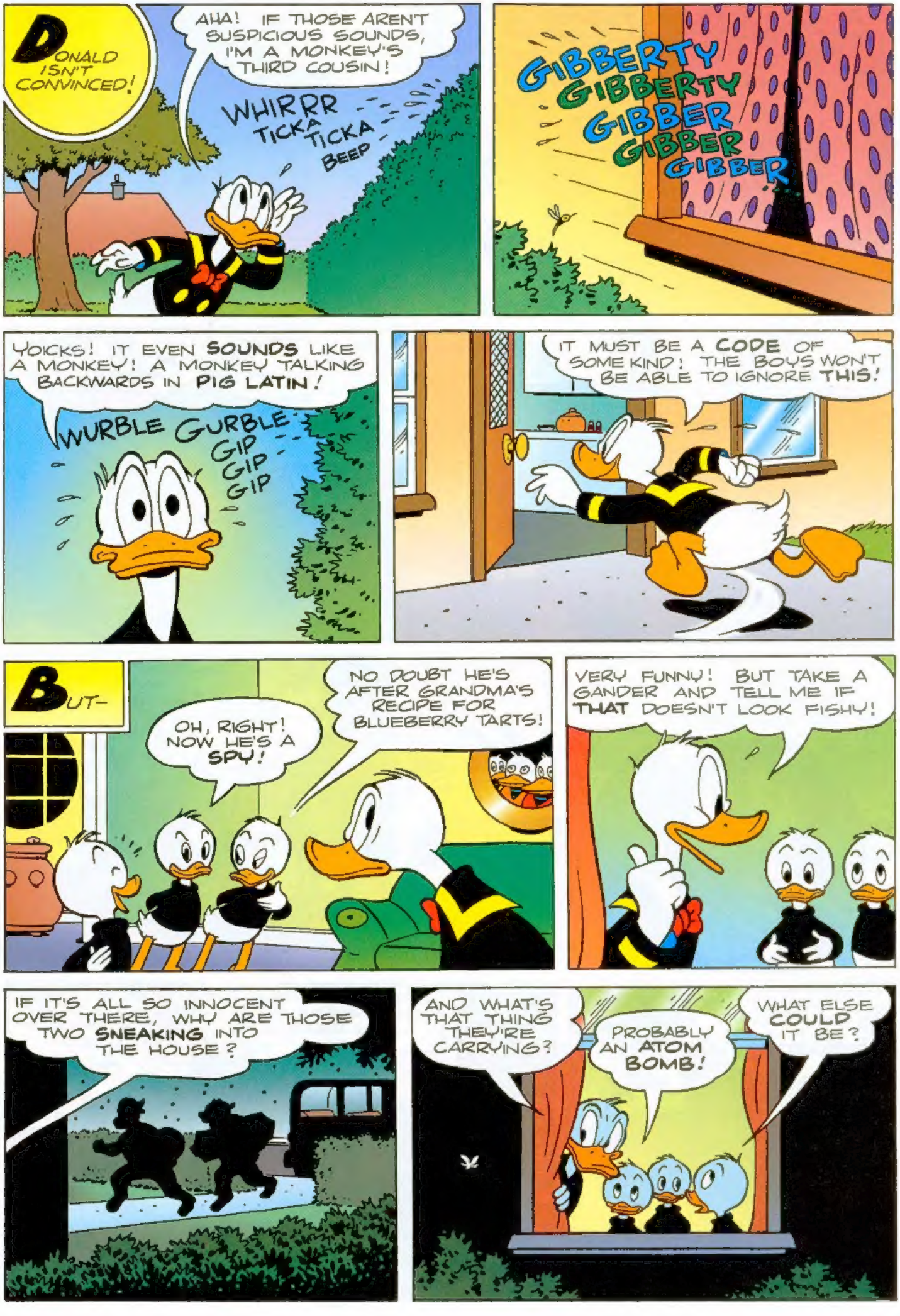


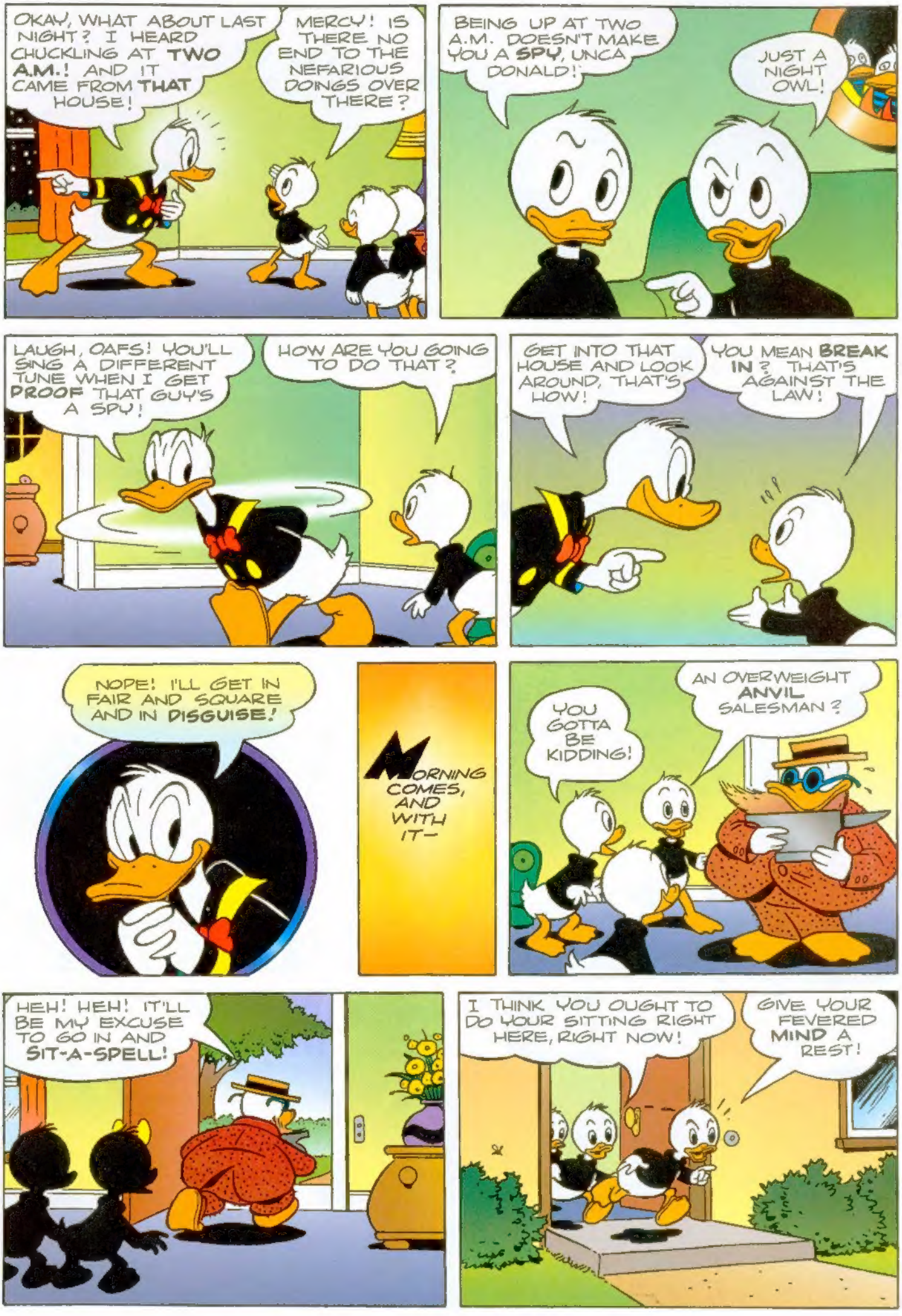



YEAH, BUT WHERE'S HIS **FURNITURE**? ALL HE'S HAULING ARE THOSE FUNNY LOOKING CASES!
IT'S A **FURNISHED** RENTAL! ALL HE NEEDS ARE HIS PERSONAL BELONGINGS! NOW **GIDDIAP**!

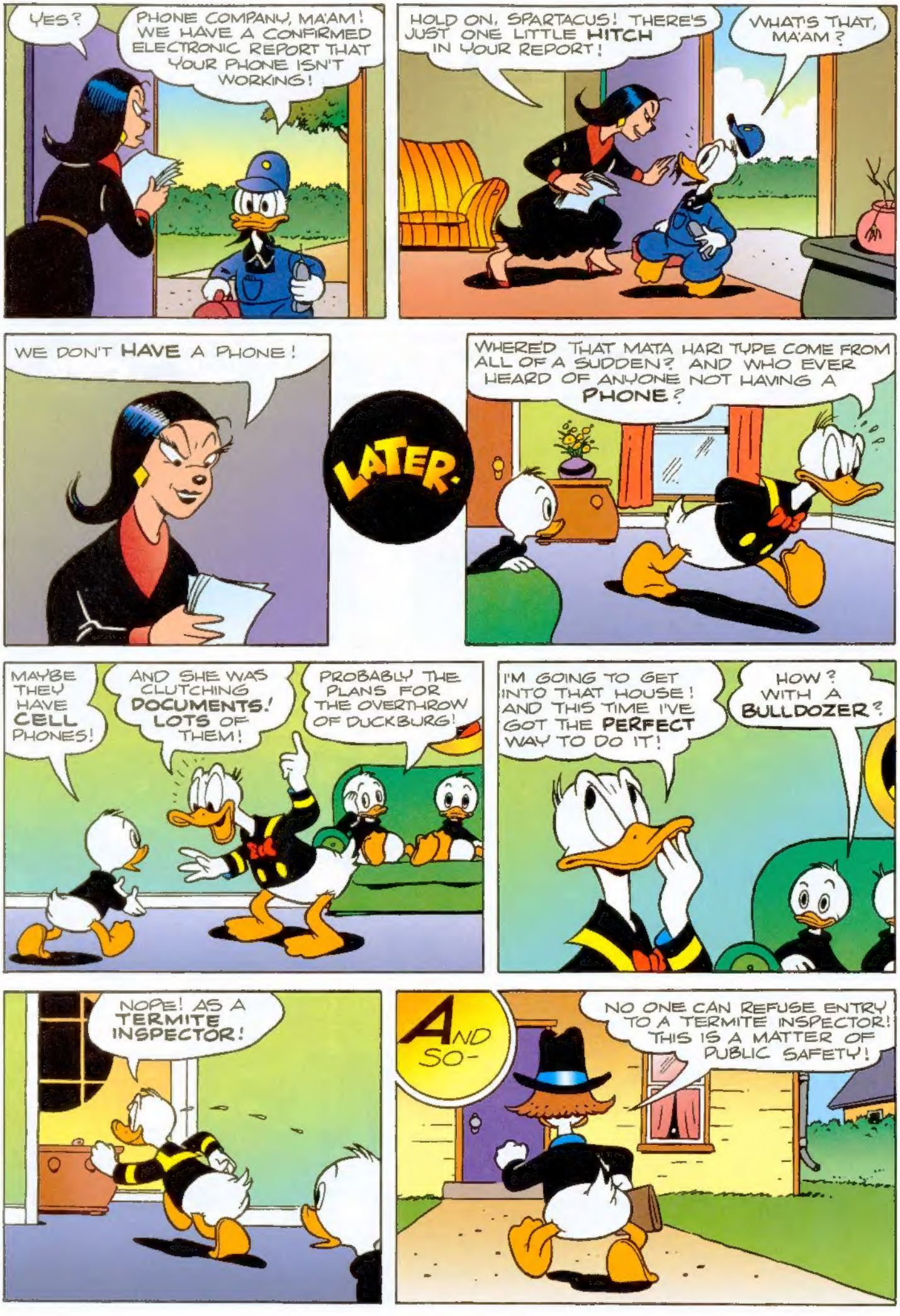



HOWEVER, OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS, DONALD GROWS INCREASINGLY SUSPICIOUS OF THE NEW NEIGHBOR!
I'M TELLING YOU, THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT THAT GUY!
I THOUGHT HE WAS NONE OF OUR BUSINESS!
YEAH, WELL I'VE CHANGED MY MIND!
IMPROVEMENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!
SEE FOR YOURSELVES! THERE'S AN ODD GIZMO STICKING OUT THROUGH THE CURTAINS OVER THERE!
SO? MAYBE IT'S A TELESCOPE!
MAYBE THE GUY'S AN AMATEUR ASTRONOMER!
AND I SUPPOSE WE'RE THE PLANET NEPTUNE! HE'S POINTING THAT THING AT US!
COOL OFF, UNCA DONALD! YOU'RE GETTING ALL WORKED UP OVER NOTHING!
SEE? NOW IT'S POINTED AT THE SKY!
YOU WERE RIGHT THE FIRST TIME! WHAT OUR NEW NEIGHBOR DOES IS HIS BUSINESS - NOT OURS!

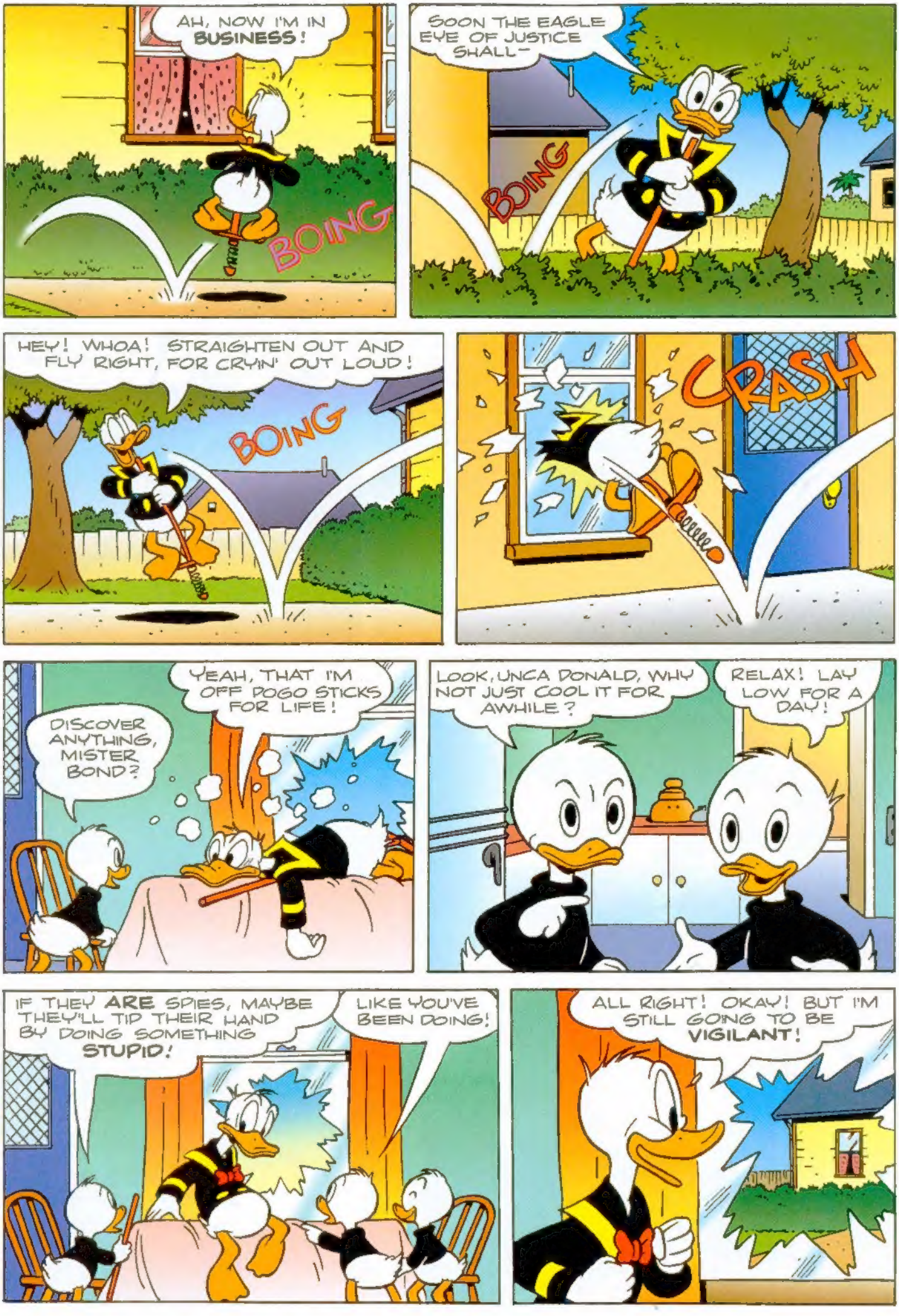

DONALD ISN'T CONVINCED!
AHA! IF THOSE AREN'T SUSPICIOUS SOUNDS, I'M A MONKEY'S THIRD COUSIN!
WHIRRR TICKA TICKA BEEP
GIBBERTY GIBBERTY GIBBER GIBBER GIBBER
YOICKS! IT EVEN SOUNDS LIKE A MONKEY! A MONKEY TALKING BACKWARDS IN PIG LATIN!
WURBLE GURBLE GIP GIP GIP
IT MUST BE A CODE OF SOME KIND! THE BOYS WON'T BE ABLE TO IGNORE THIS!
BUT-
OH, RIGHT! NOW HE'S A SPY!
NO DOUBT HE'S AFTER GRANDMA'S RECIPE FOR BLUEBERRY TARTS!
VERY FUNNY! BUT TAKE A GANDER AND TELL ME IF THAT DOESN'T LOOK FISHY!
IF IT'S ALL SO INNOCENT OVER THERE, WHY ARE THOSE TWO SNEAKING INTO THE HOUSE?
AND WHAT'S THAT THING THEY'RE CARRYING?
PROBABLY AN ATOM BOMB!
WHAT ELSE COULD IT BE?

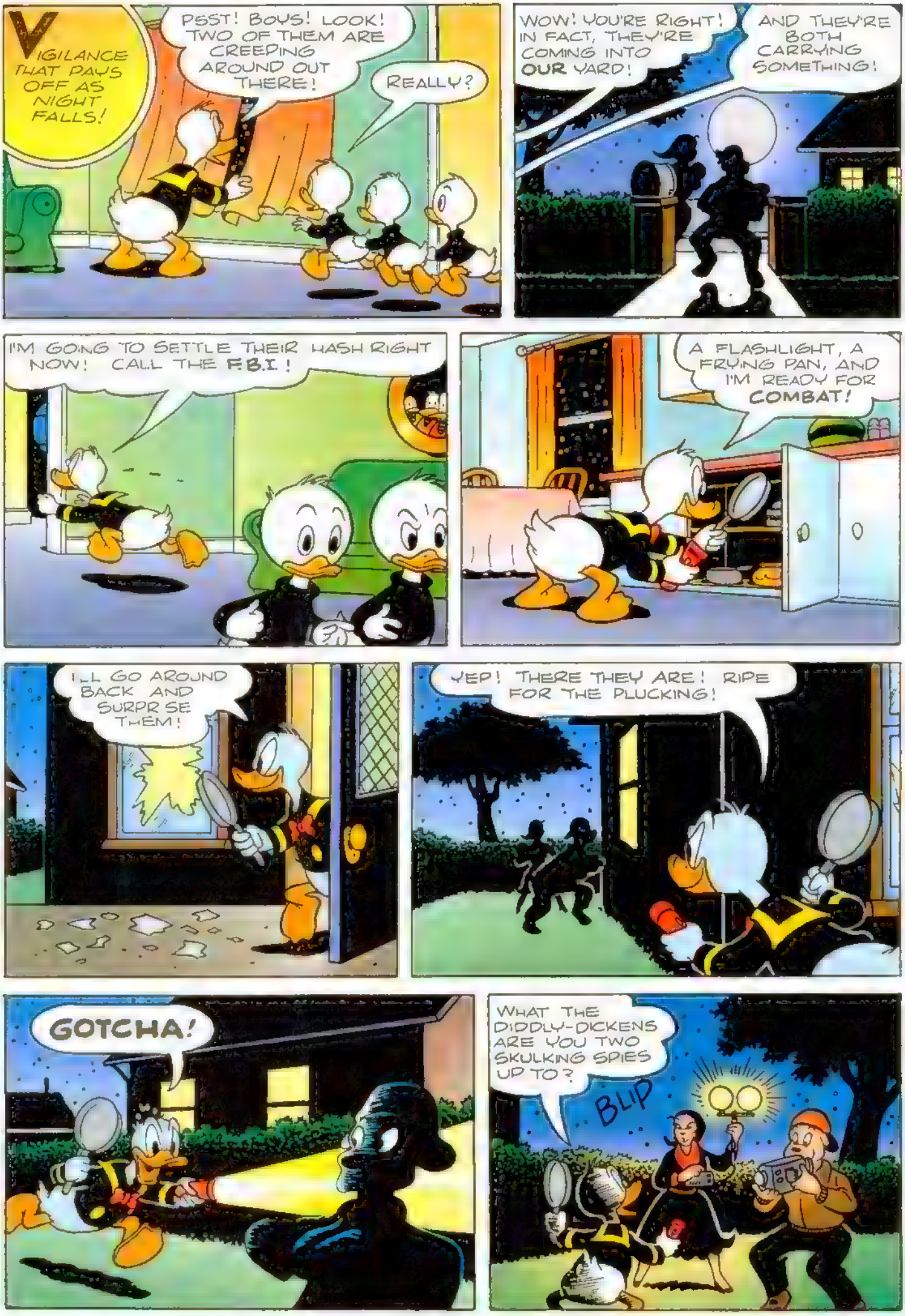

OKAY, WHAT ABOUT LAST NIGHT? I HEARD CHUCKLING AT TWO A.M.! AND IT CAME FROM THAT HOUSE!
MERCY! IS THERE NO END TO THE NEFARIOUS DOINGS OVER THERE?
BEING UP AT TWO A.M. DOESN'T MAKE YOU A SPY, UNCA DONALD!
JUST A NIGHT OWL!
LAUGH, OAFS! YOU'LL SING A DIFFERENT TUNE WHEN I GET PROOF THAT GUY'S A SPY!
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT?
GET INTO THAT HOUSE AND LOOK AROUND, THAT'S HOW!
YOU MEAN BREAK IN? THAT'S AGAINST THE LAW!
NOPE! I'LL GET IN FAIR AND SQUARE AND IN DISGUISE!
MORNING COMES, AND WITH IT—
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING!
AN OVERWEIGHT ANVIL SALESMAN?
HEH! HEH! IT'LL BE MY EXCUSE TO GO IN AND SIT-A-SPELL!
I THINK YOU OUGHT TO DO YOUR SITTING RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW!
GIVE YOUR FEVERED MIND A REST!

BUT MERE WORDS CANNOT DETER DONALD!
KNOCK KNOCK
YEAH? WHATTAYA WANT?
PUFF! PUFF! I, SIR, REPRESENT THE LITTLE JIFFY ANVIL COMPANY!
SO?
SO I'M POOPED! IT'S NO PICNIC LUGGING THAT BLASTED THING AROUND ALL DAY! I WONDER IF I MIGHT COME IN AND SIT DOWN FOR A MOMENT?
WHOA, TUBBY! I HAVEN'T TIME TO ENTERTAIN RIGHT NOW! TRY SOMEBODY ELSE!
HEY!
BOUNCE
DON'T FORGET YOUR ANVIL, BUDDY! HA! HA! HA!
SOON-
NOT AGAIN!
YES, AGAIN! I GOT A GLIMPSE OF WHAT LOOKED LIKE CAMERA EQUIPMENT OVER THERE! SPY STUFF FOR SURE!
SIGH! A PHONE REPAIRMAN?
ALL UNCA DONALD KNOWS ABOUT PHONES IS MAKING CALLS!
AND COMPLAINING ABOUT THE BILL!


YES?
PHONE COMPANY, MA'AM! WE HAVE A CONFIRMED ELECTRONIC REPORT THAT YOUR PHONE ISN'T WORKING!
HOLD ON, SPARTACUS! THERE'S JUST ONE LITTLE HITCH IN YOUR REPORT!
WHAT'S THAT, MA'AM?
WE DON'T HAVE A PHONE!
LATER.
WHERE'D THAT MATA HARI TYPE COME FROM ALL OF A SUDDEN? AND WHO EVER HEARD OF ANYONE NOT HAVING A PHONE?
MAYBE THEY HAVE CELL PHONES!
AND SHE WAS CLUTCHING DOCUMENTS! LOTS OF THEM!
PROBABLY THE PLANS FOR THE OVERTHROW OF DUCKBURG!
I'M GOING TO GET INTO THAT HOUSE! AND THIS TIME I'VE GOT THE PERFECT WAY TO DO IT!
HOW? WITH A BULLDOZER?
NOPE! AS A TERMITE INSPECTOR!
AND SO-
NO ONE CAN REFUSE ENTRY TO A TERMITE INSPECTOR! THIS IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY!

NOW WHAT?
OFFICIAL TERMITE INSPECTOR #9217, LADY!
SORRY TO DISTURB YOU, BUT THERE'S BEEN A REPORT OF SERIOUS TERMITE ACTIVITY ON THIS PROPERTY!
REALLY? BY WHOM?
HMM! THERE'S THAT WHIRRING SOUND AGAIN!
WHOM? ER... AH, SORRY, LADY! I'M NOT ALLOWED TO BREACH CONFIDENTIALITY!
WHIRRRR
AHA! LISTEN TO THAT! SOUNDS LIKE AT LEAST THREE BATTALIONS OF THE LITTLE MUNCHERS AT WORK NOW!
JUST A MINUTE, "INSPECTOR"! LET ME SEE THAT BADGE!
WHIRRRR
"CAPTAIN COMET'S SPACE PATROL"?
HEH! HEH! YEAH, WELL, THE CITY WAS SHORT OF—
THUD
VERY SOON THEREAFTER-
DID YOU GET IT?
GOT IT! HEH! HEH!
HMM! I WONDER WHAT IT IS THEY GOT? IF ONLY I COULD SEE IN THAT DOGGONE WINDOW!
I NEED MORE ALTITUDE! NOW, NOW — AHA! THE BOY'S POGO STICK!


AH, NOW I'M IN BUSINESS!
BOING
SOON THE EAGLE EYE OF JUSTICE SHALL—
BOING
HEY! WHOA! STRAIGHTEN OUT AND FLY RIGHT, FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD!
BOING
CRASH
YEAH, THAT I'M OFF POGO STICKS FOR LIFE!
DISCOVER ANYTHING, MISTER BOND?
LOOK, UNCA DONALD, WHY NOT JUST COOL IT FOR AWHILE?
RELAX! LAY LOW FOR A DAY!
IF THEY ARE SPIES, MAYBE THEY'LL TIP THEIR HAND BY DOING SOMETHING STUPID!
LIKE YOU'VE BEEN DOING!
ALL RIGHT! OKAY! BUT I'M STILL GOING TO BE VIGILANT!


VIGILANCE THAT PAYS OFF AS NIGHT FALLS!
PSST! BOYS! LOOK! TWO OF THEM ARE CREEPING AROUND OUT THERE!
REALLY?
WOW! YOU'RE RIGHT! IN FACT, THEY'RE COMING INTO OUR YARD!
AND THEY'RE BOTH CARRYING SOMETHING!
I'M GOING TO SETTLE THEIR HASH RIGHT NOW! CALL THE F.B.I.!
A FLASHLIGHT, A FRYING PAN, AND I'M READY FOR COMBAT!
I'LL GO AROUND BACK AND SURPRISE THEM!
YEP! THERE THEY ARE! RIPE FOR THE PLUCKING!
GOTCHA!
WHAT THE DIDDLY-DICKENS ARE YOU TWO SKULKING SPIES UP TO?
BLIP

CALL OUT THE ARMY, BOYS! ONE OF 'EM'S GOT A BOMB!
THAT'S A VIDEO CAMERA, UNCA DONALD.
AND YOUR SO-CALLED MATA HARI OVER THERE IS NONE OTHER THAN ROSIOLA TOEJAM!
THE HOSTESS OF GOOFY NEIGHBORS!
GOOFY NEIGHBORS? WHAT'S THAT?
A REALITY T.V. SHOW!
IT'S THE BIGGEST HIT OF THE SEASON!
AND YOU, MISTER DUCK, ARE NEXT WEEK'S FEATURE ATTRACTION!
SAY CHEESE!
A WEEK PASSES-
SPIES, INDEED!
THE WHIRRING SOUNDS, THE GIBBERY NOISES, THE ODD GIZMOS AT THE WINDOWS-ALL WERE PART OF VIDEO TAPING WITH SOUND!
AND TO THINK IT ALL WOUND UP MAKING UNCA DONALD FAMOUS AS THE GOOFIEST NEIGHBOR OF THE SEASON!
I WONDER IF HE'S SEEN THE SHOW?
I DON'T KNOW! DO THEY HAVE T.V. IN THE MOUNTAINS OF BOLIVIA?

Walt Disney's MICKEY MOUSE

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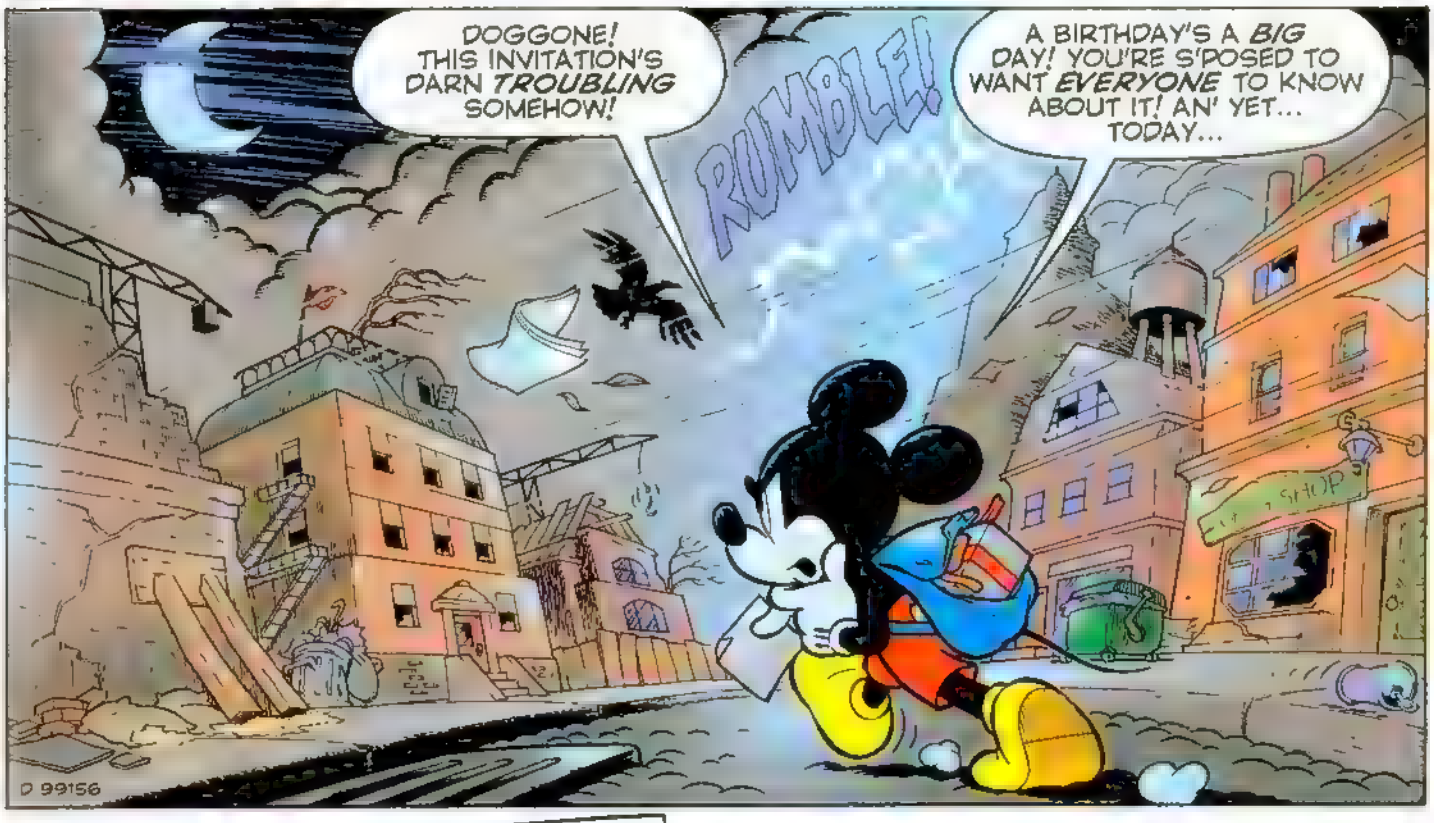
DOGGONE! THIS INVITATION'S DARN *TROUBLING* SOMEHOW!
RUMBLE!
A BIRTHDAY'S A *BIG* DAY! YOU'RE S'POSED TO WANT *EVERYONE* TO KNOW ABOUT IT! AN' YET... TODAY...
SHOP
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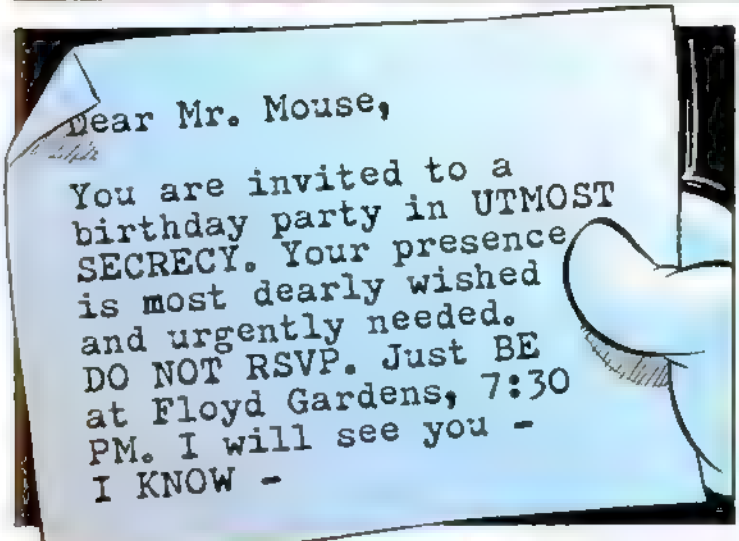
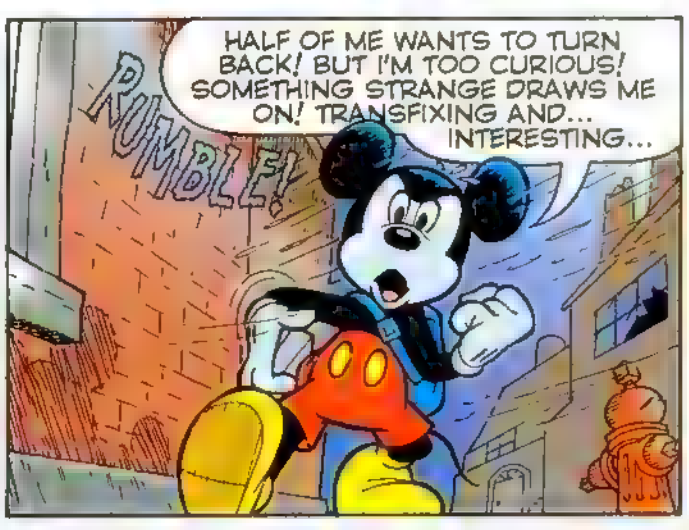
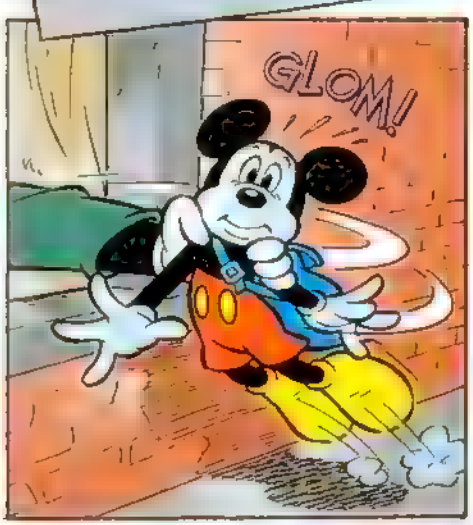
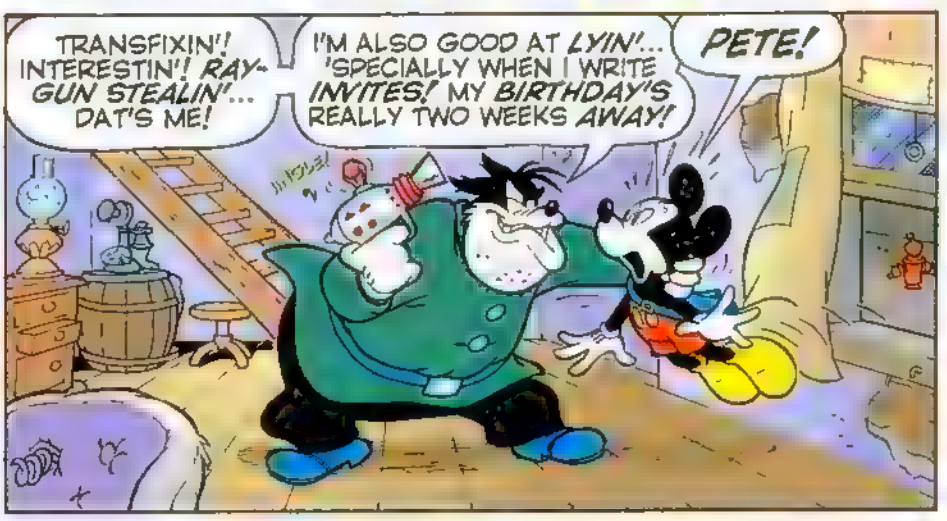

Dear Mr. Mouse,
You are invited to a birthday party in UTMOST SECRECY. Your presence is most dearly wished and urgently needed. DO NOT RSVP. Just BE at Floyd Gardens, 7:30 PM. I will see you - I KNOW -



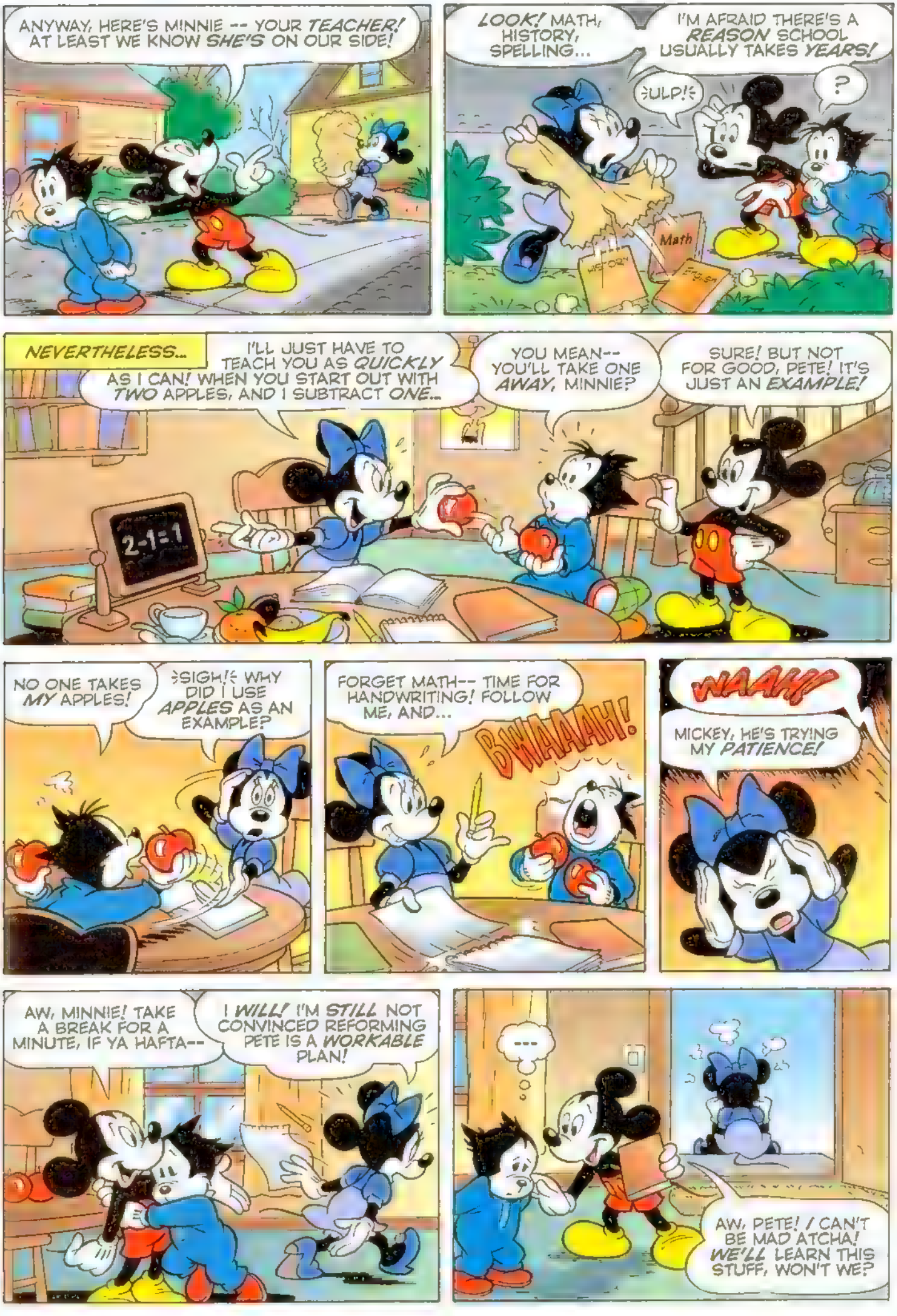



TRANSFIXIN'! INTERESTIN'! *RAY-GUN STEALIN'*... DAT'S ME!
I'M ALSO GOOD AT *LYIN'*... 'SPECIALLY WHEN I WRITE *INVITES!* MY *BIRTHDAY'S* REALLY TWO WEEKS *AWAY!*
PETE!

PETE! WHAT /S THIS...
REVENGE, RAT! FER ALL THUH TIMES YA'VE JAILED ME!
JINGLE!
I HEARD DIS SCIENTIST IN A BAR SOBBIN' ABOUT HIS TEMPORARY YOUTH RAY! IT MAKES YUH YOUNGER, AN' OVER TWO WEEKS YUH GROW BACK TA NORMAL!
JINGLE!
PROBLEM IS, THUH RAY'S TOO STRONG! YA START TH' TWO WEEKS AS A BABY!
I SAY GREAT! IMAGINE YOU BECOMIN' A BABY, RUNT! AN' ME USIN' THEM WEEKS TA BRING YOU UP CROOKED!
ON MY BIRTHDAY, YUH'LL BE MY PARTNER IN CRIME!
P-PETE! THE COPS'LL MAKE YOU CRY FOR THIS!
CLIK
HAR! IT'S MY PARTY! AN' I ONLY GOTTA CRY WHEN I WANT TO!
SKUTTCH!
!!!
ZONK
WAAA-AAAH!
≠WHEW!≠ AFTER THAT CLOSE SHAVE, I OUGHTTA TURN PETE IN AND BE RID OF HIM...
...BUT I'M JUST TOO FASCINATED BY THAT PLAN OF HIS! WHAT IF I CARRIED IT OUT... AND BROUGHT PETE UP AS AN HONEST MAN?

AND SO...
HE'S GOING TO GROW INTO... PETE?
IN TWO WEEKS, MINNIE! BUT HE WON'T BE A CROOK THIS TIME... IF WE ALL TEACH HIM BETTER STUFF TO DO WITH HIS LIFE!
KEEN! I'LL TEACH HIM EVERYTHING ABOUT SPORTS, MICKEY!
I'VE BEEN LEARNIN' TA COOK! I CAN TEACH 'IM WHUT I KNOW!
I CAN TEACH HIM TO DRIVE! MY LAND, WHEN I THINK OF ALL THE UNSAFE DRIVERS IN--
MICKEY!
I DON'T KNOW... SOMETHING TELLS ME THIS WHOLE PROJECT IS UNSAFE!
DON'T WORRY, MINNIE! IT WON'T BE... NOT IF YOU HELP ME WITH PETE'S EDUCATIONAL KNOWLEDGE!
YOU KNOW, TEACHING HIM STUFF HE'D NORMALLY GET AT SCHOOL! IF WE COVER ALL THE BASES, THINGS CAN'T GET OUT OF CONTROL!
÷GULP!÷ OR CAN THEY?

COMES THE DAWN, AND WITH IT NEW HOPE...
THE TWO-WEEK GROWTH PROCESS HAS BEGUN, PETE! YOU'RE NOW ABOUT FOUR YEARS OLD!
JUST THE RIGHT AGE TO APPRECIATE THE PLAYROOM I FIXED UP... AND MY OLD TRICYCLE!
TR...TRICYCLE... M-MICKEY?
GEE, YOU CAN TALK NOW! THAT'S GREAT!
BUT YOUR BIKING'S NOT GREAT! I MEAN, IT'S TOO FAST!
BUMP!
THUMP!
SLOW DOWN!
SCREECH!
WAAAH!
SORRY, PATRICIA! PETE JUST DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS WRONG!
"PETE"?
BLACK PETE! YOU'D NEVER GUESS, PATRICIA, BUT HE'S...
EEEEEK!
I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE DID THAT... REALLY!
GOSH, PETE... JUST TO LOOK AT YA... WHO COULD HAVE ANYTHING BAD TO SAY?


ANYWAY, HERE'S MINNIE -- YOUR TEACHER! AT LEAST WE KNOW SHE'S ON OUR SIDE!
LOOK! MATH, HISTORY, SPELLING...
I'M AFRAID THERE'S A REASON SCHOOL USUALLY TAKES YEARS!
ULP!
?
Math
NEVERTHELESS...
I'LL JUST HAVE TO TEACH YOU AS QUICKLY AS I CAN! WHEN YOU START OUT WITH TWO APPLES, AND I SUBTRACT ONE...
YOU MEAN-- YOU'LL TAKE ONE AWAY, MINNIE?
SURE! BUT NOT FOR GOOD, PETE! IT'S JUST AN EXAMPLE!
2-1=1
NO ONE TAKES MY APPLES!
SIGH! WHY DID I USE APPLES AS AN EXAMPLE?
FORGET MATH-- TIME FOR HANDWRITING! FOLLOW ME, AND...
BWAAAH!
WAAH!
MICKEY, HE'S TRYING MY PATIENCE!
AW, MINNIE! TAKE A BREAK FOR A MINUTE, IF YA HAFTA--
I WILL! I'M STILL NOT CONVINCED REFORMING PETE IS A WORKABLE PLAN!

AW, PETE! I CAN'T BE MAD ATCHA! WE'LL LEARN THIS STUFF, WON'T WE?

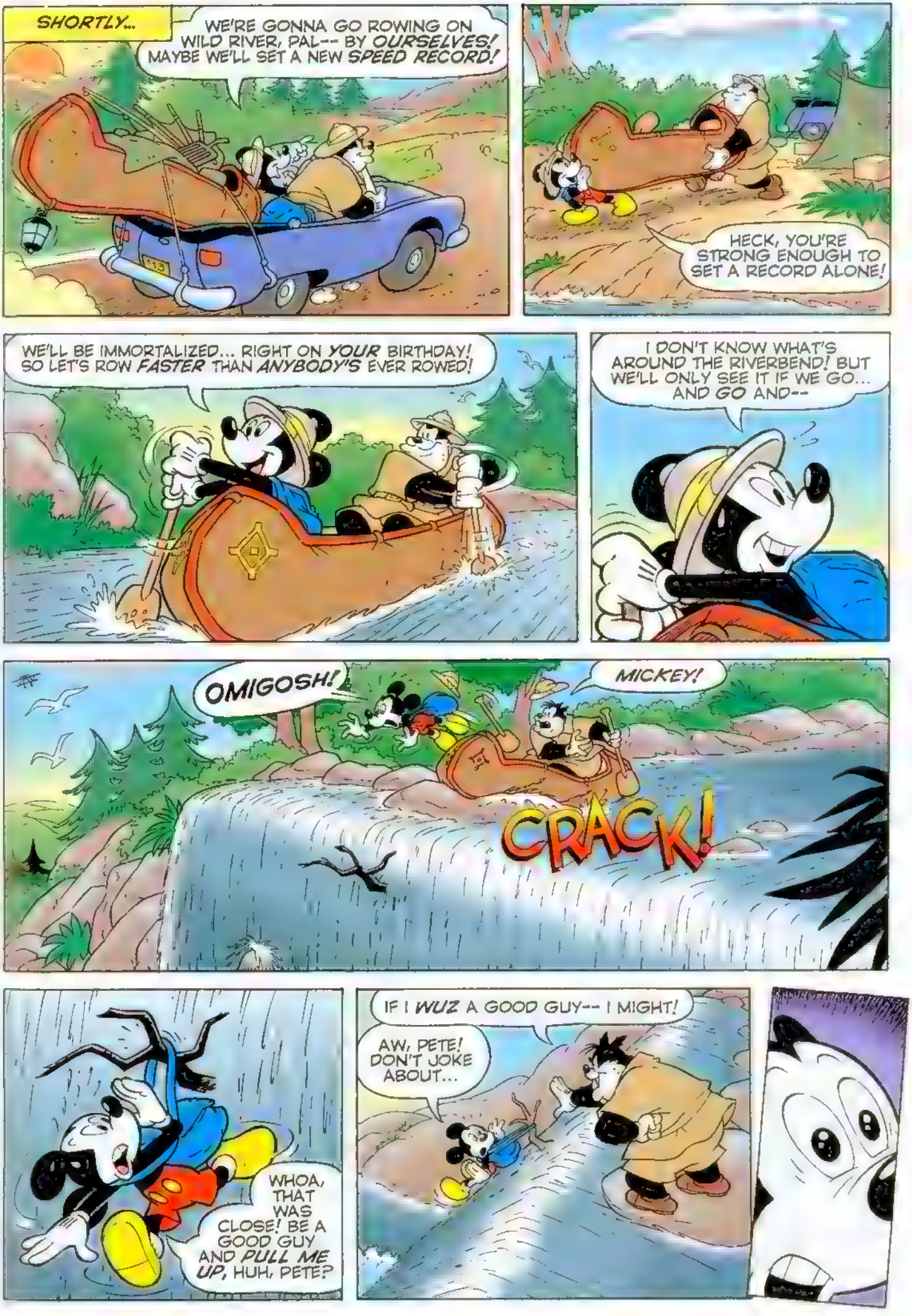
THE NEXT DAY...
YOU LOOK ABOUT TEN TODAY, PETE! JUST THE AGE TO START LEARNING SOME GAMES!
BAKERY
FIRST, JUST TRY TO KICK THE BALL, PETE... THEN I'LL SHOW YOU THE REAL HORSECOLLAR TECHNIQUE!
ROLL!
SUFFERIN' HOPTOADS!
!
CRASH
OFFSIDE
SWAT!
YOU SERVED THAT UP TO THE KID, HORSECOLLAR! SO YOU PAY UP!
SIGH! WHY DID I CHOOSE TO TEACH SOCCER?
PETE WOULD DO BETTER TO LEARN PRACTICAL JOKES--- TO USE ON GUYS LIKE THAT BAKER!
FORGET IT, HORACE!
JOKES?
LIKE THIS ONE FROM TV?
SPLOOSH!
PTOOEY! SO!
IT'S A BAD INFLUENCE IF I JOKE, BUT PETE CAN---
SORRY, HORACE! HE DIDN'T MEAN TO... AND LOOK! HE'S GOT SOCCER DOWN NOW!
YOU'RE GAINING SKILLS, PETE! I JUST WISH YOU DIDN'T DRIVE EVERYBODY CRAZY!

ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER TEACHER...
YUH ADD A PINCH O' CORIANDER AN' LOTS O' RED PEPPER! THIS HERE'S SPICY STUFF!
IF YOU SAY SO!
CHILI COOK CONTEST
NOW TA TASTE IT---
WAAAOH!
GURGLE! I SAID SPICY, BUT I DIDN'T MEAN...
GOOFY, PETE ONLY DID WHAT YA ASKED FOR!

POOR GUY! NOBODY UNDERSTANDS YOU'RE TRYING TO HELP!
TIME ROLLS ON...
WE'LL PRETEND THE CONES ARE PEDESTRIANS, RIGHT? IT'S AN OBSTACLE COURSE... MAKE SURE NOT TO HIT ANY!

SQUASH!
SCREECH! YOU RAN OVER A "CHILD"!
I RAN OVER A CONE! I JUST WANTED TO SEE HOW YOU'D REACT!
BOSH! THE VERY IDEA!
FUNNY... I SORTA WONDERED HOW SHE'D REACT, MYSELF!

AT LAST, AS TWO WEEKS DRAW TO A CLOSE...
LISTEN, GANG! PETE'S KEPT GROWING SINCE THE LESSONS WE GAVE HIM -- AND HE'S GROWING UP RIGHT THIS TIME!
I MEAN, IT'S LIKE I'M HIS BIG BROTHER NOW! AND YOU CAN'T GO WRONG WITH A BIG BROTHER'S HELP!
AND NOW PETE'S BIRTHDAY IS COMING UP! I'M THINKING WE SHOULD ALL GO CAMPING TO CELEBRATE IT AND HIS NEW SELF! WE--
NO, MICKEY!
HUH?! WHADDAYA MEAN...
MICKEY, NO! MAYBE YOU'VE REFORMED PETE, BUT HE'S STILL A JINX AROUND US!
WHETHER HE'S SIX OR SIXTEEN...
OR EIGHTY-NINE!
OR EIGH-- I MEAN, THINK OF THE HORRIBLE THINGS HE'S DONE!
B-BUT THAT WAS... AS HIS OLD SELF...
WE'RE SORRY, MICKEY, BUT WE JUST DON'T TRUST HIM! AND WE'RE AFRAID TO HANG AROUND YOU AS LONG AS HE'S WITH YOU!
MICKEY, WHY DIDN'T THE GANG WANNA BE WITH US?
NEVER MIND! THEY'LL COME AROUND! I'M SURE THEY...
BEEF
HMPF! IF THEY DON'T NEED US, WE DON'T NEED THEM!
YEAH, WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ANYWAY?


SHORTLY...
WE'RE GONNA GO ROWING ON WILD RIVER, PAL-- BY OURSELVES! MAYBE WE'LL SET A NEW SPEED RECORD!
HECK, YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO SET A RECORD ALONE!
WE'LL BE IMMORTALIZED... RIGHT ON YOUR BIRTHDAY! SO LET'S ROW FASTER THAN ANYBODY'S EVER ROWED!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S AROUND THE RIVERBEND! BUT WE'LL ONLY SEE IT IF WE GO... AND GO AND--
OMIGOSH!
MICKEY!
CRACK!
WHOA, THAT WAS CLOSE! BE A GOOD GUY AND PULL ME UP, HUH, PETE?
IF I WUZ A GOOD GUY-- I MIGHT!
AW, PETE! DON'T JOKE ABOUT...

IF Y-YOU WERE A GOOD GUY?!?
I GOT NEWS FOR YUH, PUNKIN-- I AIN'T GOOD! NEVER HAVE BEEN, NEVER WILL BE!
OH, FOR--!!!
THOUGHT YUH COULD RE-TRAIN ME FROM SCRATCH, JUST 'CUZ I WUZ A BABY? DAT'S WHUT I'D ASSUMED ABOUT YOU!
BUT WHILE THUH YOUTH RAY MAKES YUH LOOK YOUNG, IT AIN'T AMNESIA! YER MIND STAYS ADULT, AN' REMEMBERS EVERYTHING!
!!!
I REALIZED IT TH' SECOND I GOT ZAPPED, BUT HEY-- YUH THOUGHT YUH WAS BRINGIN' ME UP HONEST! WHY SPOIL YER FUN?
HEH! HEH! I'VE BEEN REAL PATIENT, JUST WAITIN' FOR A CHANCE TA HAVE MY FUN! AN' WITH YER FRIENDS GONE...
...I GOTCHA! YOU'LL DANGLE TILL THAT OL' ROTTEN BRANCH BREAKS, BUT I'M JUST GONNA STAND HERE!

AN' SHUT MY EYES, WAITIN' FER MY BIRTHDAY WISH TA COME TRUE!
SKUTCH!
BLAM!
WHUF! WOT THUH BLUE BLAZES?!

I FORGOT TO RETURN THE YOUTH RAY TO THE SCIENTIST YOU STOLE IT FROM, PETE! GOOD THING I BROUGHT IT ALONG...
GASP!
...JUST IN CASE! IT MADE THE BRANCH YOUNGER AND STRONGER, SO I COULD CATAPULT UP TO YOU ON IT!
NOW IT'S GONNA MAKE YOU A BABY-- AGAIN! NICE AND EASY TO CAPTURE...
IN YER DREAMS, BRUDDER!
SMACK!
!!!
I'M GONNA #%!* ENJOY MY SPECIAL DAY, IF I HAFTA TEAR YOU TA PIECES!
OOF! LEGGO, YOU CRAZY-- OW!
PITY DIS MOMENT O' TRIUMPH CAN'T GO ON FOREVER! BUT ALL GOOD THINGS GOTTA END...
CLONK!
EVEN BIRTHDAYS, YOU BIG TUB O' LARD!
THE VERY IDEA, TRYING TO HURT PEOPLE!
MICKEY!!
???

WE DECIDED TO GO CAMPING AFTER ALL... TO GIVE PETE ONE MORE CHANCE! WE WERE SCARED, BUT WE COULDN'T JUST DESERT YOU!
>gleep!<
SO WE DROVE OUT TA SURPRISE YUH WHEN YUH CAME 'ROUND THUH RIVER...
BUT I THINK WE ALL GOT A FEW SURPRISES! DIDN'T WE?
I KNOW I DID! I'M TOO TIRED TO SPEAK FOR ANYONE ELSE!
THE WHEELS OF JUSTICE TURN, THE BIRTHDAY BOY GOES TO THE PEN, AND THE WHOLE AFFAIR DRIFTS INTO THE PAST!
OH, YEAH?
I DUNNO! WOULD I HAVE FELT THE SAME FONDNESS FOR THE BIG LUG FOREVER?
YUH MEAN PETE?
YEAH! IF I'D NEVER KNOWN THE TRUTH, WOULD I HAVE KEPT ON LIKING HIM, AND--?
GAWRSH! YOU JEST STOP THINKIN' ABOUT IT! YUH KNOW WHO YER FRIENDS ARE!
AN' I KNOWS WHO MUH ENEMY IS! AS ALWAYS!
TALKING TO YOURSELF AGAIN, PETE?
LEAVENWORST PRISON
QUIET, YA MUGGS! I'M TRYIN' TA MAKE SURE I'M RIGHT ABOUT SOMETHIN'! AN' IT'S GIVIN' ME A MIGRAINE!
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I HAFTA HATE HIM, 'CAUSE IF I DIDN'T, I MIGHT LIKE HIM! #%&*! AN' I DON'T WANNA LIKE HIM!
Z-ZZ
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY PETE
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ONE DAY... ONE DAY I WILL GET EVEN!
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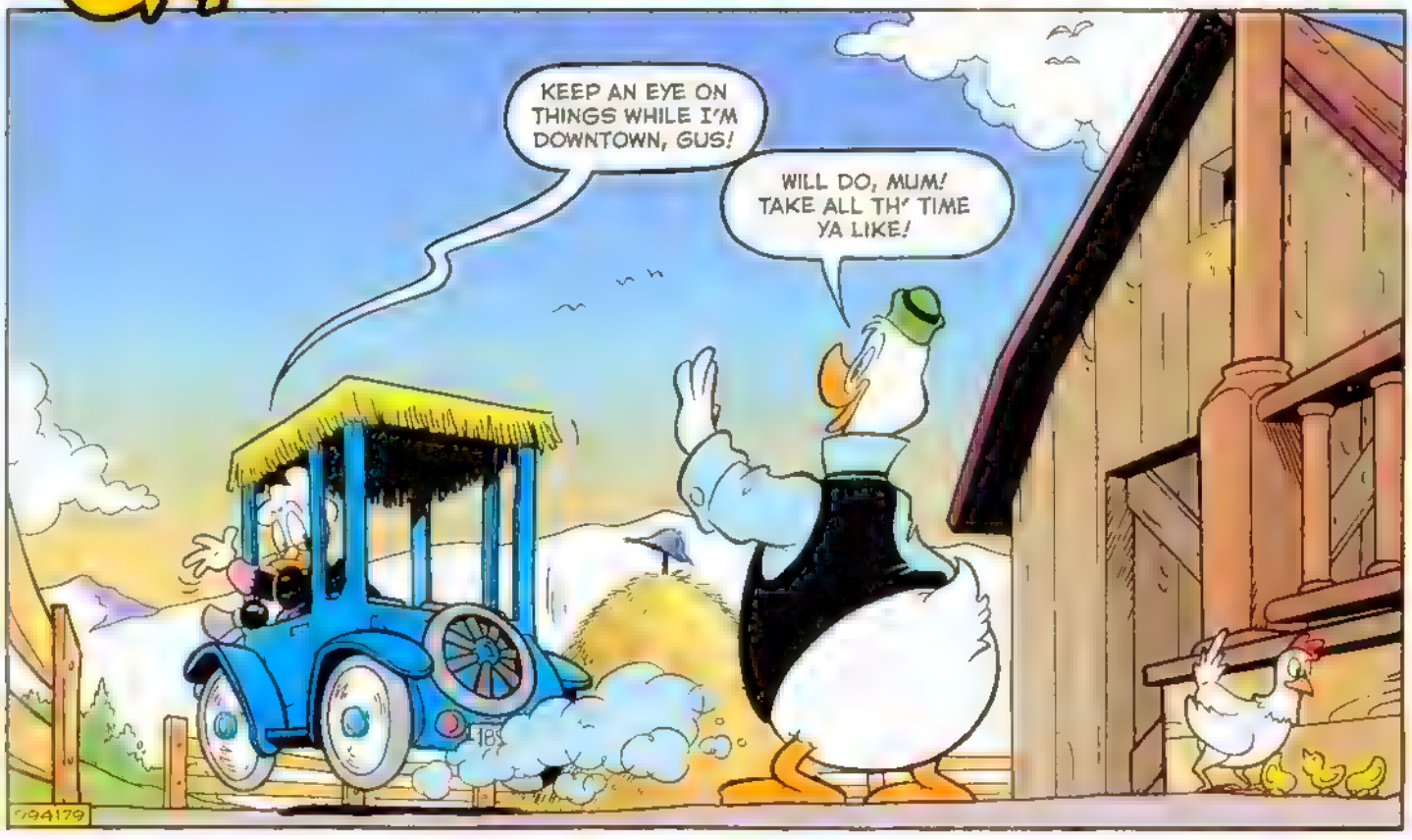
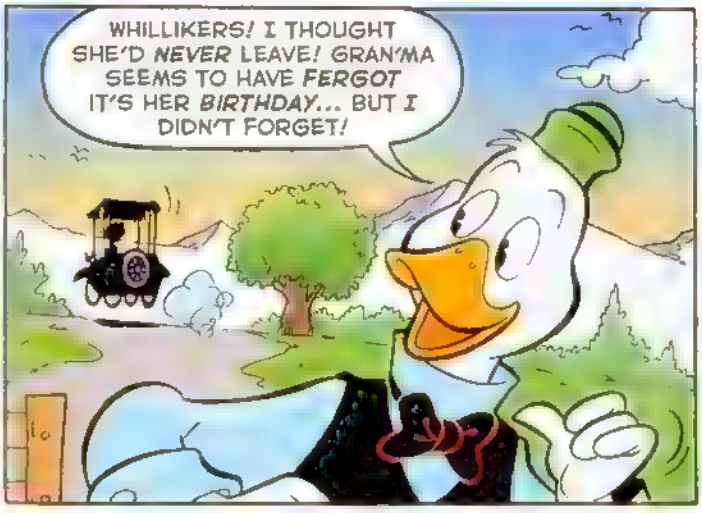
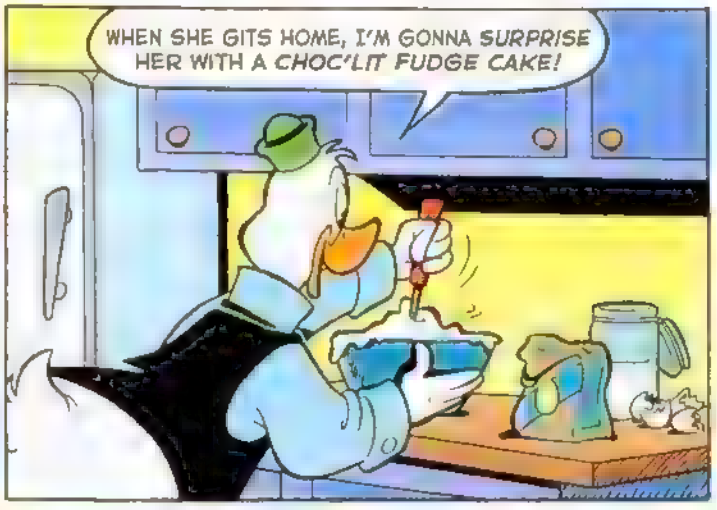
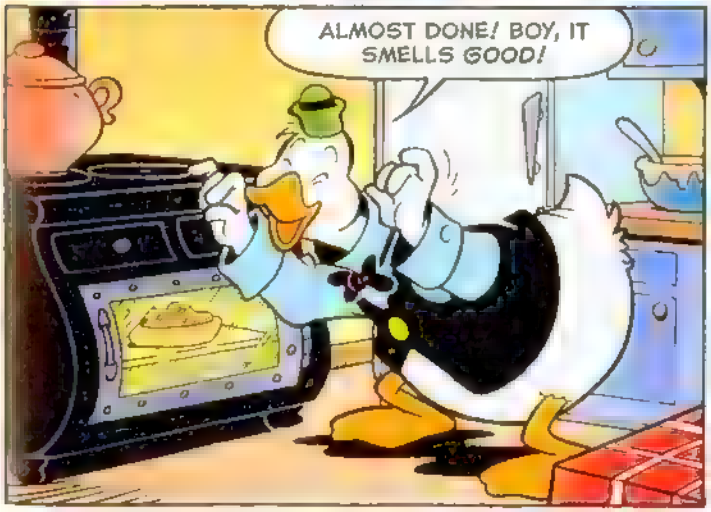
Walt Disney's

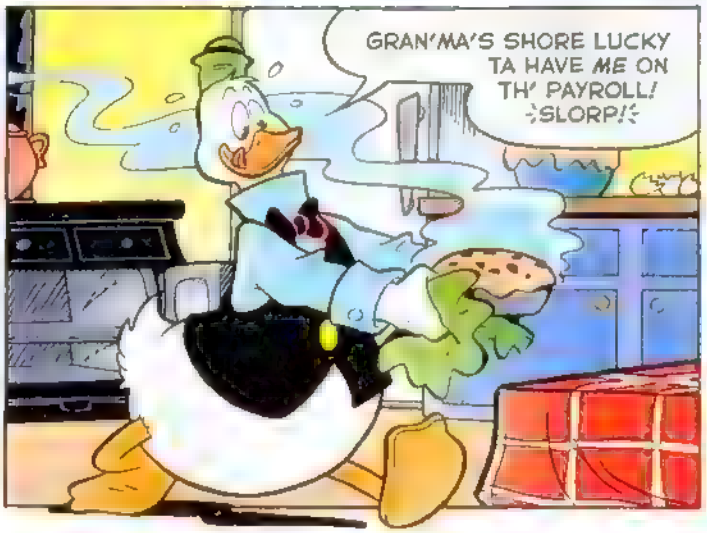
GUS GOOSE in CAKES AT STAKE



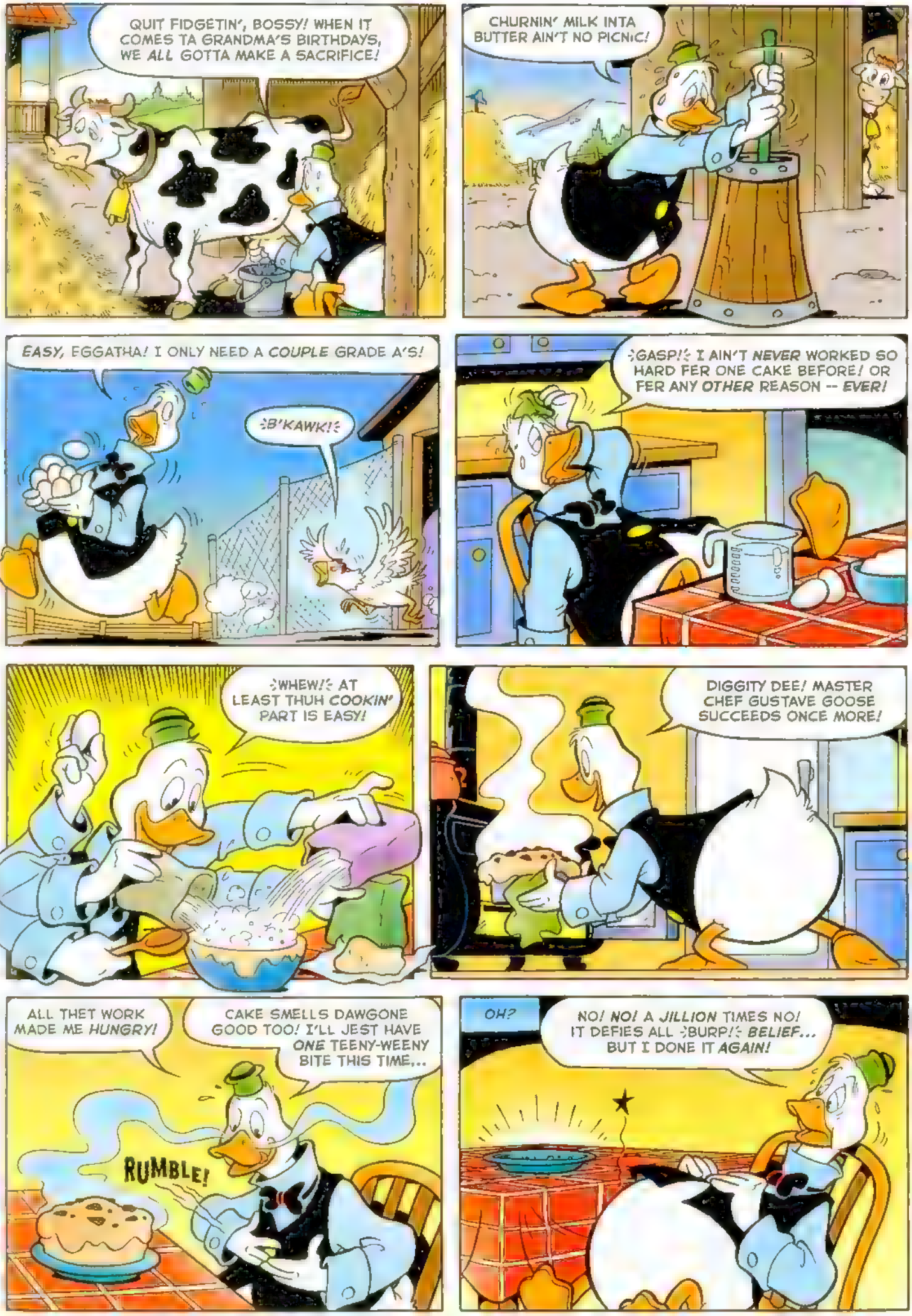


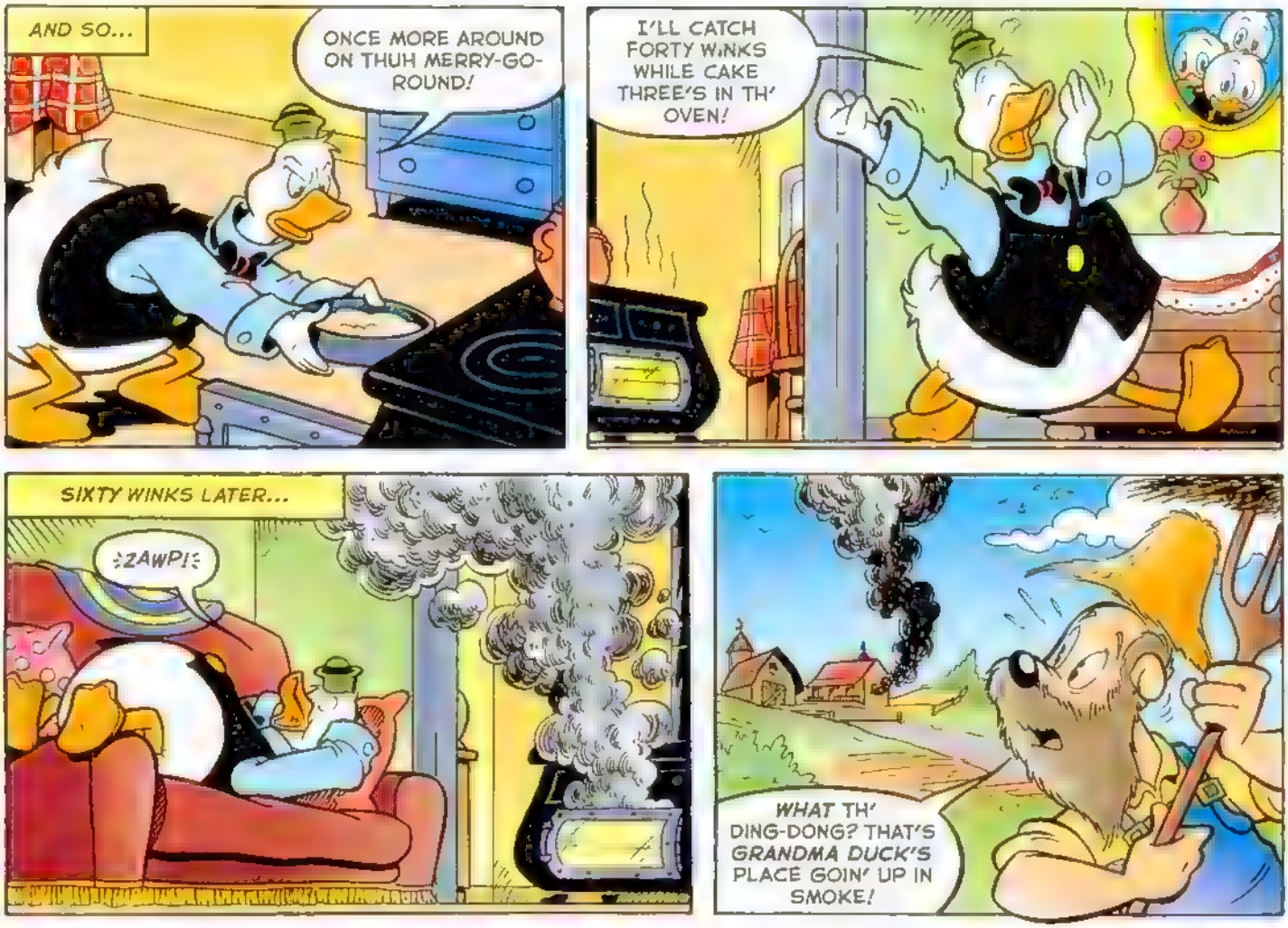


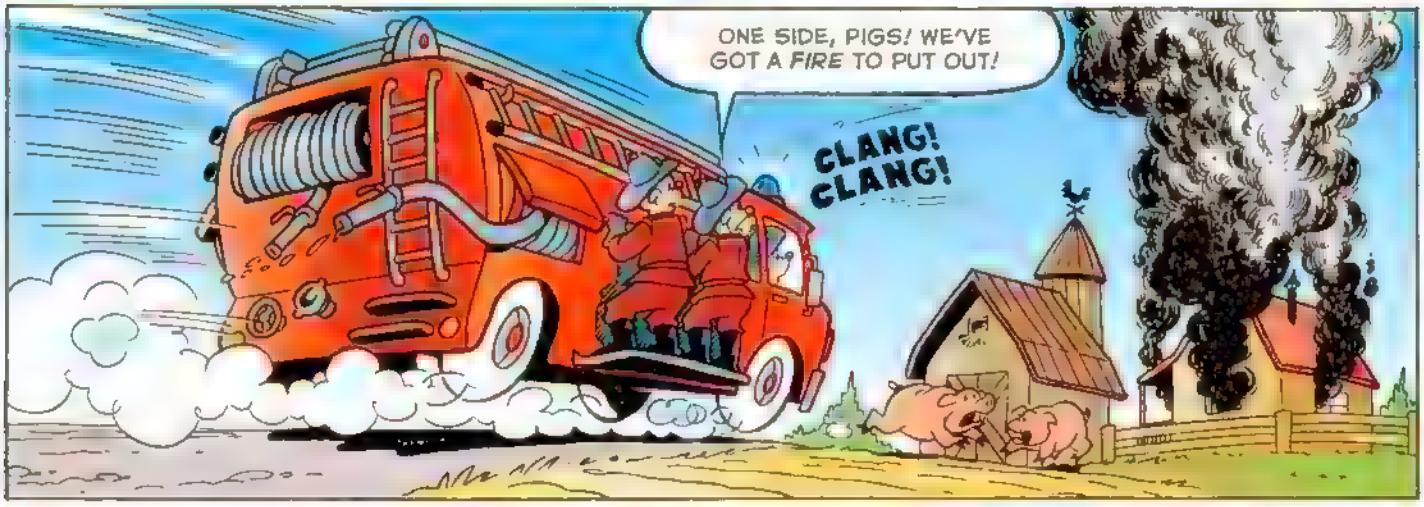


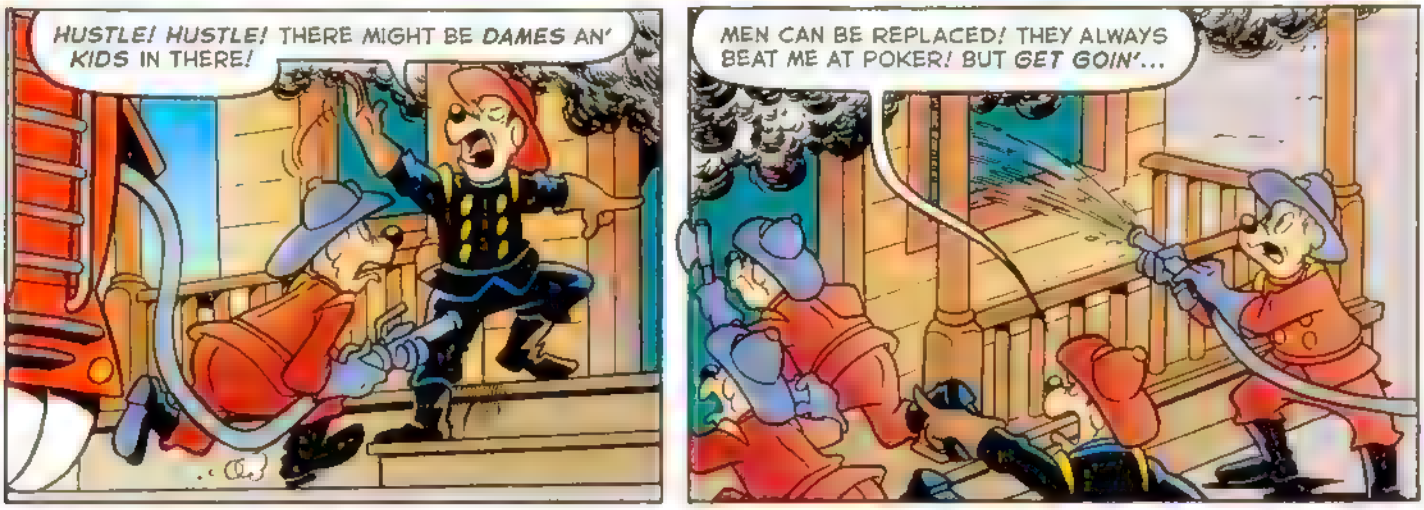


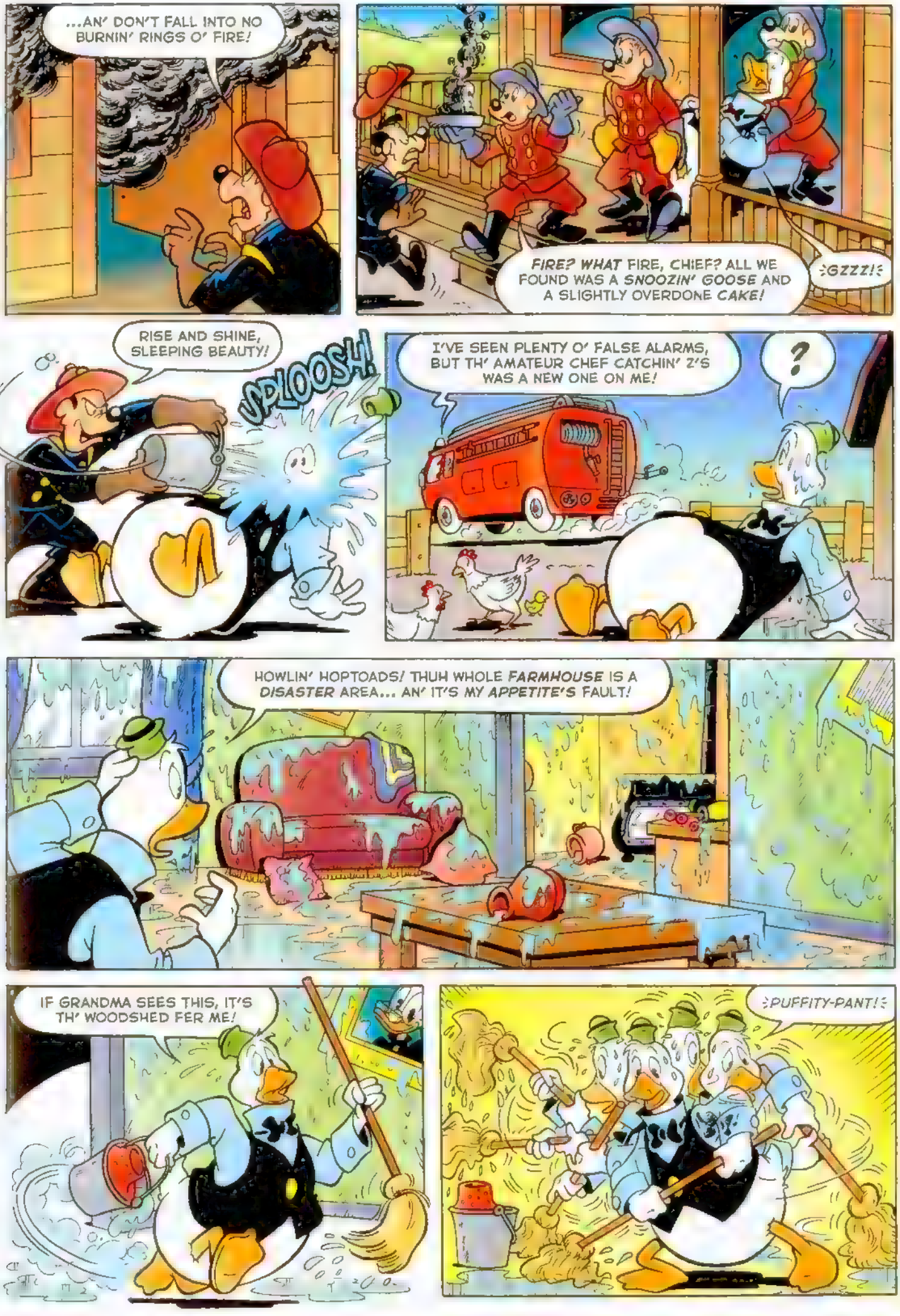
IT'S JEST TOO BAD SHE AIN'T BACK YET! CAKE TASTES BEST WHEN IT'S WARM!
:SIGH!:
MEBBE I'LL SAMPLE ONE LI'L PIECE!
GOTTA MAKE SURE IT'S OKAY, AFTER ALL!
:MUNCH!: NOT BAD! OR... IS IT A LITTLE TOO CHOC'LATEY?
BETTER TRY ANOTHER PIECE TA MAKE SURE!
CHOMPF!
MUNCH!
ANON!
:BURP!: HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?
OH, THUH SHAME OF IT!
NUTHIN' TA DO BUT BAKE CAKE NUMBER TWO!
:ULP!: EASIER SAID THAN DONE! I USED UP MOSTA TH' INGREDIENTS LAST TIME AROUND!
OOLATED SQUIGGS
B-2
STEAK SAUCE
WELL! GOOD THING I LIVE ON A FARM!


QUIT FIDGETIN', BOSSY! WHEN IT COMES TA GRANDMA'S BIRTHDAYS, WE ALL GOTTA MAKE A SACRIFICE!
CHURNIN' MILK INTA BUTTER AIN'T NO PICNIC!
EASY, EGGATHA! I ONLY NEED A COUPLE GRADE A'S!
:B'KAWK!:
:GASP!: I AIN'T NEVER WORKED SO HARD FER ONE CAKE BEFORE! OR FER ANY OTHER REASON -- EVER!
:WHEW!: AT LEAST THUH COOKIN' PART IS EASY!
DIGGITY DEE! MASTER CHEF GUSTAVE GOOSE SUCCEEDS ONCE MORE!
ALL THET WORK MADE ME HUNGRY!
CAKE SMELLS DAWGONE GOOD TOO! I'LL JEST HAVE ONE TEENY-WEENY BITE THIS TIME...
RUMBLE!
OH?
NO! NO! A JILLION TIMES NO! IT DEFIES ALL :BURP!: BELIEF... BUT I DONE IT AGAIN!


AND SO...
ONCE MORE AROUND ON THUH MERRY-GO-ROUND!
I'LL CATCH FORTY WINKS WHILE CAKE THREE'S IN TH' OVEN!
SIXTY WINKS LATER...
:ZAWP!:
WHAT TH' DING-DONG? THAT'S GRANDMA DUCK'S PLACE GOIN' UP IN SMOKE!


ONE SIDE, PIGS! WE'VE GOT A FIRE TO PUT OUT!
CLANG! CLANG!


HUSTLE! HUSTLE! THERE MIGHT BE DAMES AN' KIDS IN THERE!
MEN CAN BE REPLACED! THEY ALWAYS BEAT ME AT POKER! BUT GET GOIN'...


...AN' DON'T FALL INTO NO BURNIN' RINGS O' FIRE!
FIRE? WHAT FIRE, CHIEF? ALL WE FOUND WAS A SNOOZIN' GOOSE AND A SLIGHTLY OVERDONE CAKE!
:GZZZ!:
RISE AND SHINE, SLEEPING BEAUTY!
SPLOOSH!
I'VE SEEN PLENTY O' FALSE ALARMS, BUT TH' AMATEUR CHEF CATCHIN' Z'S WAS A NEW ONE ON ME!
?
HOWLIN' HOPTOADS! THUH WHOLE FARMHOUSE IS A DISASTER AREA... AN' IT'S MY APPETITE'S FAULT!
IF GRANDMA SEES THIS, IT'S TH' WOODSHED FER ME!
:PUFFITY-PANT!:

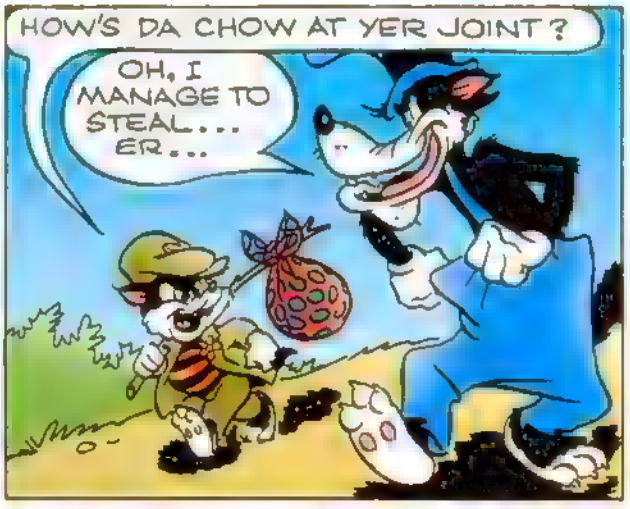
TOO BAD SPEED CLEANIN' AIN'T AN OLYMPIC EVENT! :UGH!: I'D HAVE THUH GOLD MEDAL WON!
AN' HERE'S GRAN'MA HOME AGIN! TOO BAD HER CAKE JEST AIN'T GONNA BE HAPPENIN'!
AFTERNOON, GUS! EVERYTHING SHIPSHAPE? YOU SEEM TUCKERED OUT!
WELL, ER, UH...
I'M DURN SORRY, MUM! I TRIED TA BAKE A BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR YA, BUT--
BELAY THAT, NEPHEW! USUALLY I'D BAKE MY OWN CAKE...
BAKERY
...BUT WHEN I SAW THIS LOVELY TORTE IN TH' BAKERY WINDOW, I JUST COULDN'T HELP MYSELF!
LAND O' GOSHEN, WHAT AILS TH' BOY? I S'POSE HE JUST WASN'T EXPECTIN' HIS FAVORITE TREAT!
:URGH!:
PUT AWAY THAT FALSE MODESTY, GUS! I'VE EATEN ALL I WANT, SO TH' REST IS YOURS! AN' YOU KNOW YOU WANT IT!

The LI'L BAD WOLF
by
WALT DISNEY
POP SAID HE WOULD HAVE A BIG SURPRISE FOR ME TODAY! WONDER WHAT IT IS!
AT THAT MOMENT LI'L BAD WOLF'S POP IS RUSHING THROUGH THE WOODS . . .
GOSH! I DIDN'T REALIZE WHUT TIME IT WUZ!
MARCOLA JCT.
TOO LATE! THE SOUTHBOUND TRAIN HAS ALREADY PULLED OUT, ZEKE!
THEN WHERE IS HE?
WHERE'S WHO?
MY LITTLE NEPHEW, IZZY! HE WUZ S'POSED TO BE ON THAT TRAIN!
I DIDN'T SEE ANYBODY GET OFF!
THAT'S FUNNY! I WONDER WHUT...
OH BOY! A BULL'S EYE!
ZOOM!
WHY, YOU YOUNG WHIPPERSNAPPER! I'LL...
MITT ME, UNC... MITT ME!

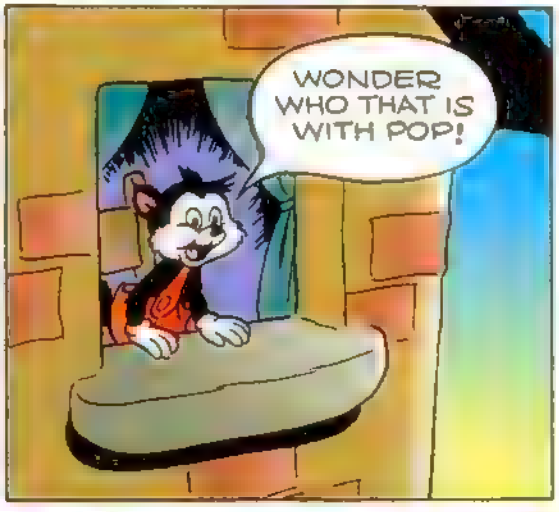
THEN YOU MUST BE IZZY, MY BROTHER ZEB'S LI'L BOY!
YOU'RE REALLY SHARP TODAY, UNC!
WELL! WELL! GLAD TO SEE YUH, M' BOY! WELCOME TO...
WHOOPS!
HOW'S DAT FER A LITTLE JUJITSU, UNC? I LEARNED IT AT REFORM SCHOOL!
PLOP!
ONE O' ME CHUMS TAUGHT IT TO ME!
NEVER MIND! LET'S GIT GOIN'! WHERE'S YER SUITCASE?
AIN'T GOT NO SUITCASE! WHEN I RIDES DA RODS I TRAVELS LIGHT! I'LL GET M' STUFF!
MY! YOUR NEPHEW SEEMS RATHER ...ER...
TOUGH? YEP! THAT'S WHY I AST HIM TO VISIT US!
Y' SEE, MY BOY AIN'T TOUGH! AN' I AIN'T GOIN' TO LET HIM BE A SISSY!

I FIGGERED IF IZZY WUZ AROUND FER A SPELL, HE'D BE A BAD INFLUENCE FER LI'L WOLF! SMART, AIN'T I?
I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, ZEKE WOLF!

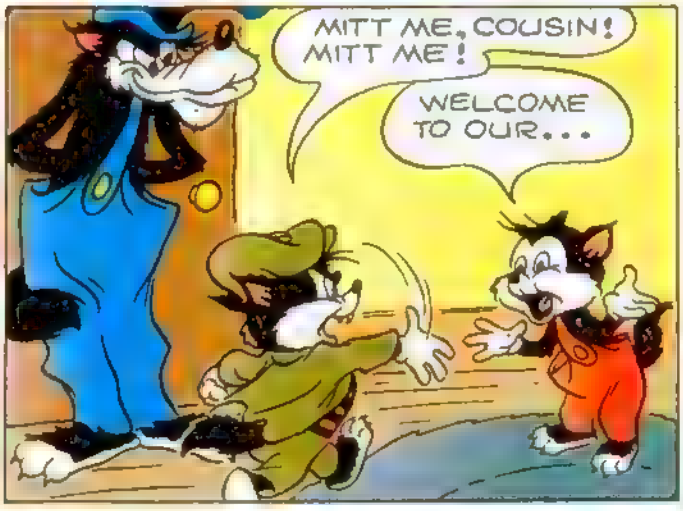
C'MON, UNC! LET'S GO SEE WHAT KINDA DUMP YOU LIVE IN!


HOW'S DA CHOW AT YER JOINT?
OH, I MANAGE TO STEAL... ER...

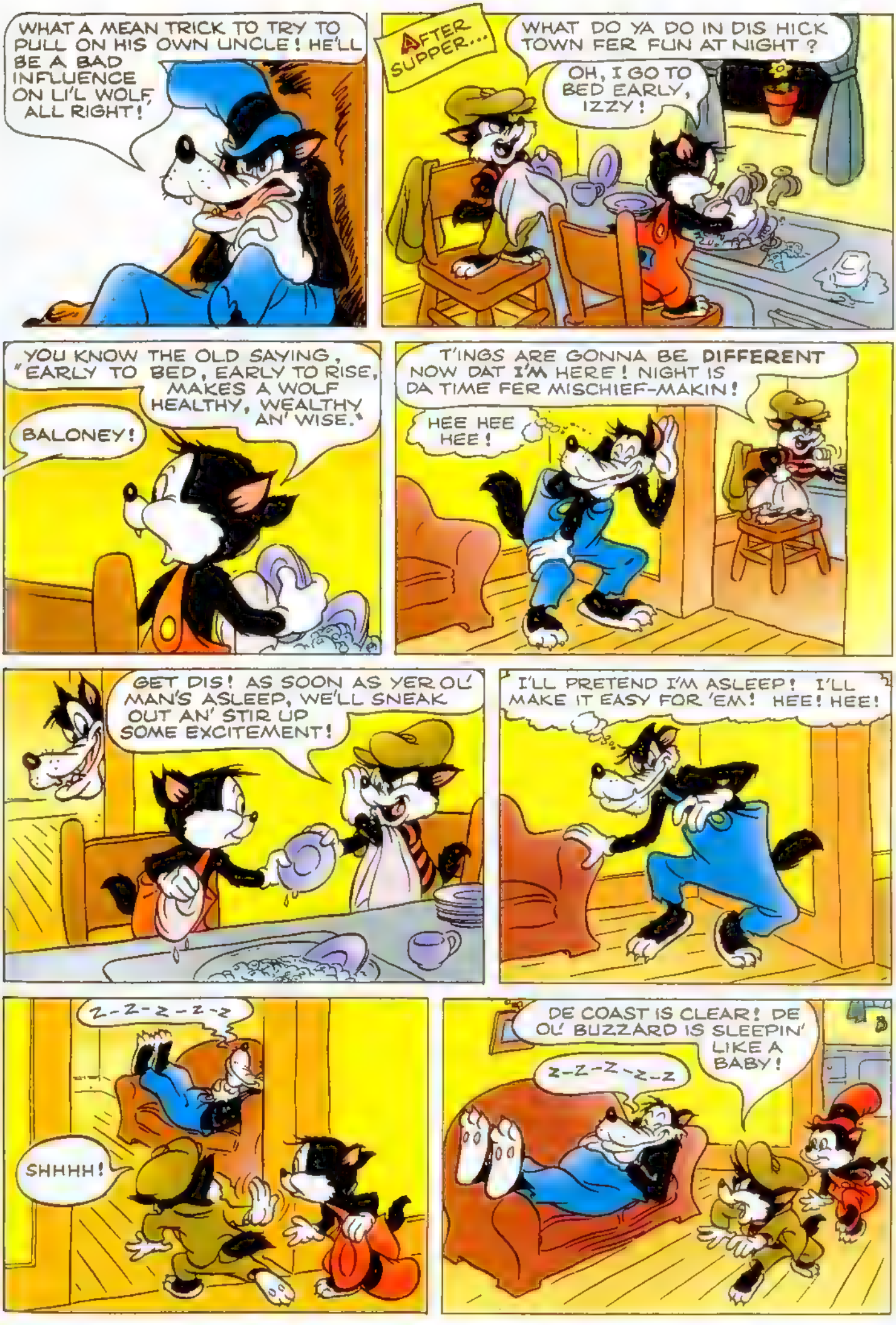
...ER...I MEAN, I MANAGE TO PICK UP A CHICKEN NOW AN' THEN! HEE! HEE!
LISTEN, UNC! YOU DON'T NEED TO KID ME! WE SPEAKS DA SAME LINGO!

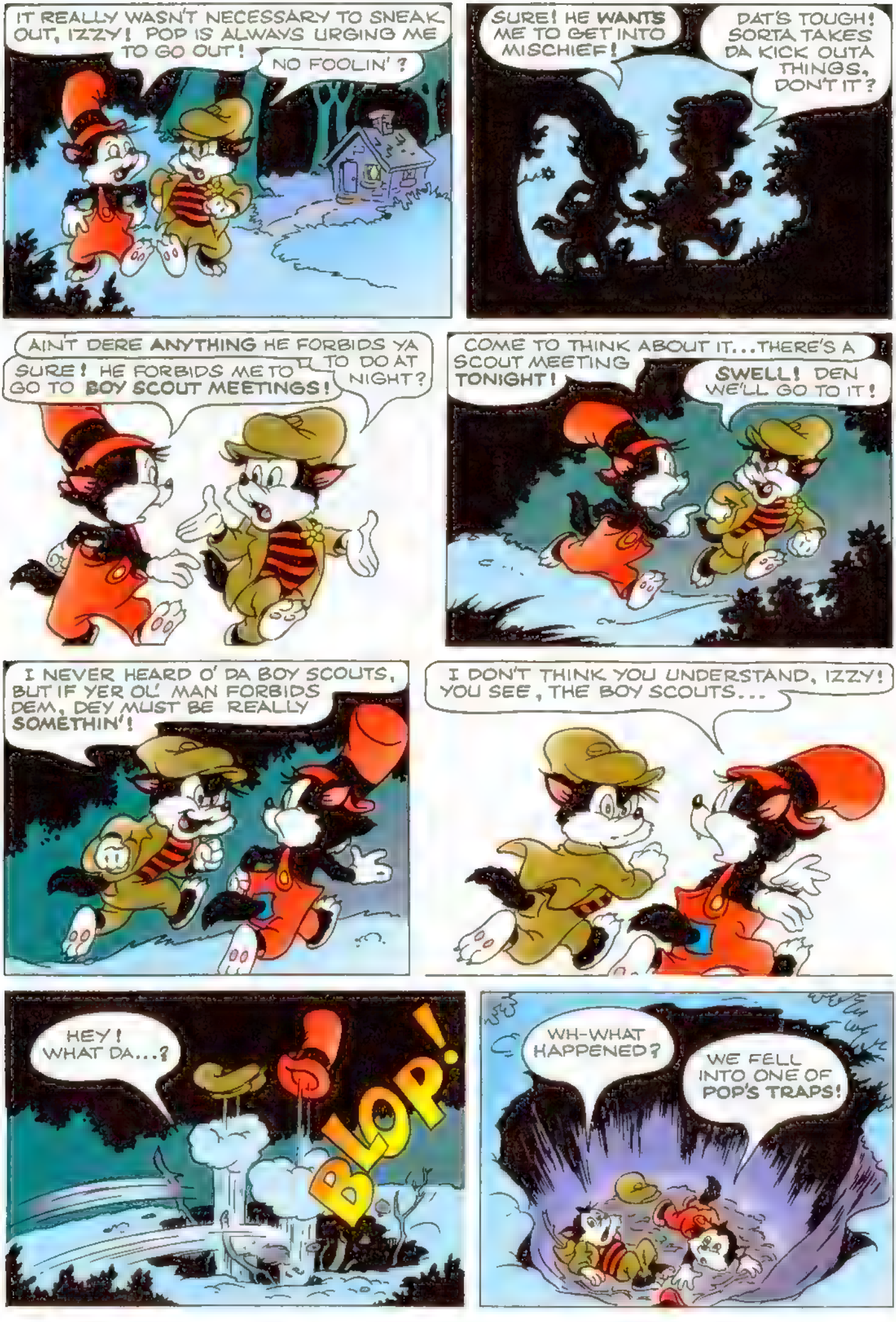

WONDER WHO THAT IS WITH POP!

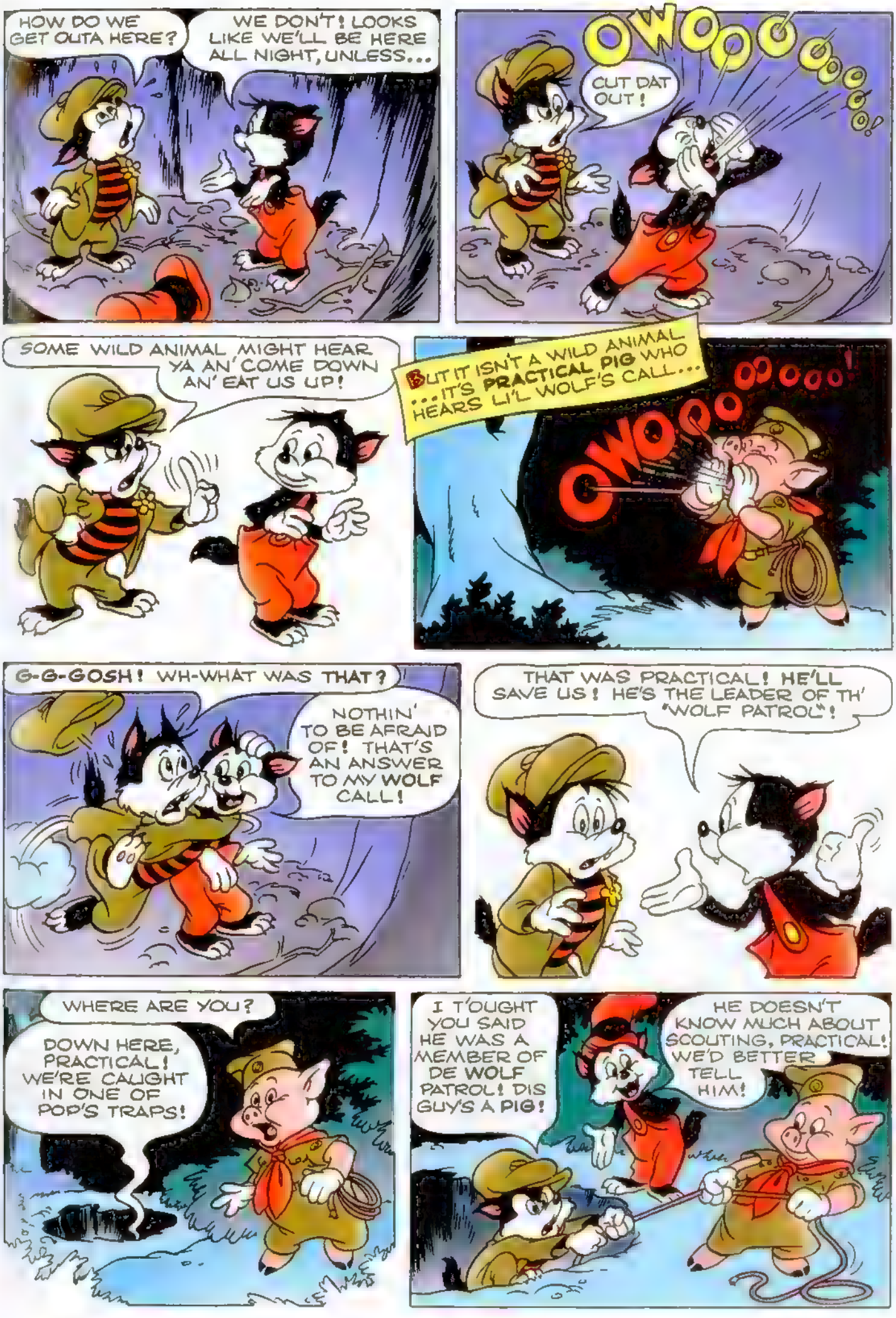
SON, HERE'S TH' BIG SURPRISE I WUZ TELLIN' YOU ABOUT! SHAKE HANDS WITH YER COUSIN IZZY!
OH, GOOD!


MITT ME, COUSIN! MITT ME!
WELCOME TO OUR...

OOOOH! IS THAT A FLOWER IN YOUR COAT? POP SAYS FLOWERS ARE FOR SISSIES!
A FLOWER? I NEVER NOTICED NO FLOWER! LEMME SEE!
SURE, UNC! GET A LOAD O' THAT! HA! HA! HA!
BAH!
THAT REMINDS ME! I BROUGHT YOU A LITTLE PRESENT, UNC!
A CIGAR! WELL, NOW... AIN'T THAT NICE!
I HOPE YOU GET A BIG BANG OUTA SMOKIN' IT!
A BIG BANG? ...HMMMM!
I'LL LIGHT IT FOR YOU, POP!
OH, NO, YA WON'T! CALL ME WHEN SUPPER'S READY, SON!
TH' NERVE O' THAT KID! TRYIN' TO GIVE ME A LOADED CIGAR! GR-R-R!


WHAT A MEAN TRICK TO TRY TO PULL ON HIS OWN UNCLE! HE'LL BE A BAD INFLUENCE ON LI'L WOLF, ALL RIGHT!
AFTER SUPPER...
WHAT DO YA DO IN DIS HICK TOWN FER FUN AT NIGHT?
OH, I GO TO BED EARLY, IZZY!
YOU KNOW THE OLD SAYING, "EARLY TO BED, EARLY TO RISE, MAKES A WOLF HEALTHY, WEALTHY AN' WISE."
BALONEY!
T'INGS ARE GONNA BE DIFFERENT NOW DAT I'M HERE! NIGHT IS DA TIME FER MISCHIEF-MAKIN!
HEE HEE HEE!
GET DIS! AS SOON AS YER OL' MAN'S ASLEEP, WE'LL SNEAK OUT AN' STIR UP SOME EXCITEMENT!
I'LL PRETEND I'M ASLEEP! I'LL MAKE IT EASY FOR 'EM! HEE! HEE!
Z-Z-Z-Z-Z
SHHHH!
DE COAST IS CLEAR! DE OL' BUZZARD IS SLEEPIN' LIKE A BABY!
Z-Z-Z-Z-Z


IT REALLY WASN'T NECESSARY TO SNEAK OUT, IZZY! POP IS ALWAYS URGING ME TO GO OUT!
NO FOOLIN'?
SURE! HE WANTS ME TO GET INTO MISCHIEF!
DAT'S TOUGH! SORTA TAKES DA KICK OUTA THINGS, DON'T IT?
AIN'T DERE ANYTHING HE FORBIDS YA TO DO AT NIGHT?
SURE! HE FORBIDS ME TO GO TO BOY SCOUT MEETINGS!
COME TO THINK ABOUT IT...THERE'S A SCOUT MEETING TONIGHT!
SWELL! DEN WE'LL GO TO IT!
I NEVER HEARD O' DA BOY SCOUTS, BUT IF YER OL' MAN FORBIDS DEM, DEY MUST BE REALLY SOMETHIN'!
I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND, IZZY! YOU SEE, THE BOY SCOUTS...
HEY! WHAT DA...?
BLOP!
WH-WHAT HAPPENED?
WE FELL INTO ONE OF POP'S TRAPS!


HOW DO WE GET OUTA HERE?
WE DON'T! LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE HERE ALL NIGHT, UNLESS...
OWOOOOOOOO!
CUT DAT OUT!
SOME WILD ANIMAL MIGHT HEAR YA AN' COME DOWN AN' EAT US UP!
BUT IT ISN'T A WILD ANIMAL ...IT'S PRACTICAL PIG WHO HEARS LI'L WOLF'S CALL...
OWOOOOOOOO!
G-G-GOSH! WH-WHAT WAS THAT?
NOTHIN' TO BE AFRAID OF! THAT'S AN ANSWER TO MY WOLF CALL!
THAT WAS PRACTICAL! HE'LL SAVE US! HE'S THE LEADER OF TH' "WOLF PATROL"!
WHERE ARE YOU?
DOWN HERE, PRACTICAL! WE'RE CAUGHT IN ONE OF POP'S TRAPS!
I T'OUGHT YOU SAID HE WAS A MEMBER OF DE WOLF PATROL! DIS GUY'S A PIG!
HE DOESN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT SCOUTING, PRACTICAL! WE'D BETTER TELL HIM!

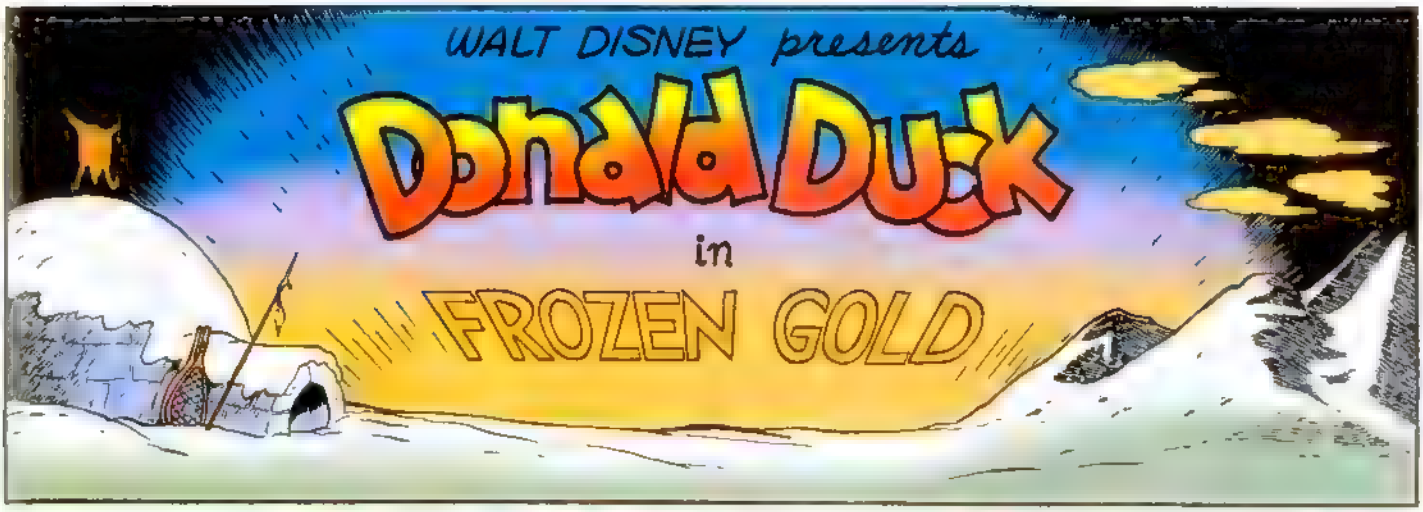
... SO YOU SEE, IZZY, WE SCOUTS HAVE LOTS OF GOOD CLEAN FUN!
CHEE! DO YA THINK I COULD EVER BE A SCOUT?
SURE! IF YOU'LL DO AS WE SAY! FIRST, YOU MUST...
A WEEK LATER...
I SEE YOUR NEPHEW'S GOING HOME! HOW'D IT WORK OUT? WAS HE A BAD INFLUENCE FOR LITTLE WOLF?
BAH!
LIMITED
ALL HE DID WUZ GOOD DEEDS! TH' ONLY MEAN TRICK HE TRIED TO PULL WUZ TO GIVE ME A...
HA! HA! HA!
HA! HA! HOPE YOU'RE NOT MAD AT ME FOR LAUGHING, ZEKE, BUT IT SERVES YOU RIGHT!
'COURSE I'M NOT MAD! HERE... HAVE A CIGAR!
THANKS, ZEKE!
SO... A FEW MINUTES LATER...
ANYTHING WRONG, POP?
BAH! THAT IZZY EVEN GAVE ME A GOOD CIGAR! DOUBLE BAH!!

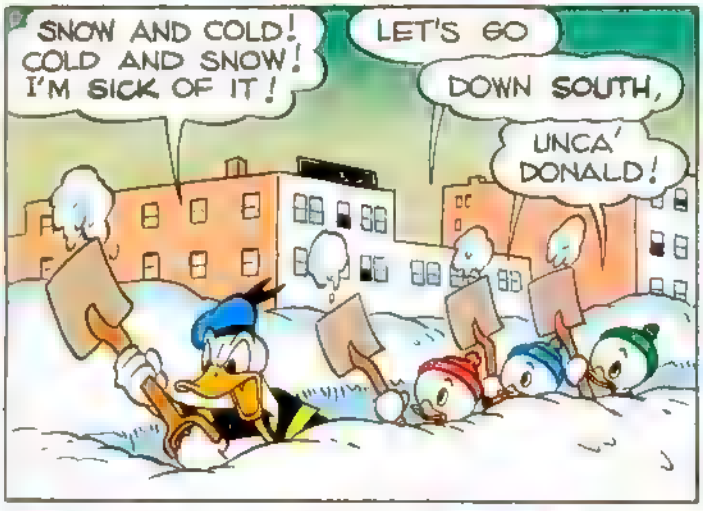
WALT DISNEY
GOOFY
in
THE MIXED-UP FIXER
HOT DIGGETY, MICKEY! IT LOOKS LIKE MUH FIRST CUSTOMER IS ARRIVIN'!
WELL, GOOD LUCK, GOOFY! I'LL SEE YOU LATER!
GOOFY'S FIX-IT SHOP
YOU BREAK IT... I'LL REMAKE IT!
SOME KIND OF RESULTS GUARANTEED
THUH FIXIEST FIXER ON TWO FEET
MY CUCKOO CLOCK IS ON THE BLINK... IT DOESN'T CUCKOO!
NOW DON'T YOU WORRY, SIR! JUST LEAVE YORE ADDRESS AND I'LL FIX IT... ER, FIX THUH CLOCK, THAT IS!
IT'S A RELIEF TO LEAVE IT IN CAPABLE HANDS!
WHERE'S MUH FIX-IT BOOK?
AHA! IT SAYS, "FIRST, GET TO THUH ROOTS OF THUH TROUBLE!"
HOW TO FIX MOST ANYTHING
YUK! I'VE GOT HOLD O' THUH LI'L CUCKOO RASCAL...
SNAP!

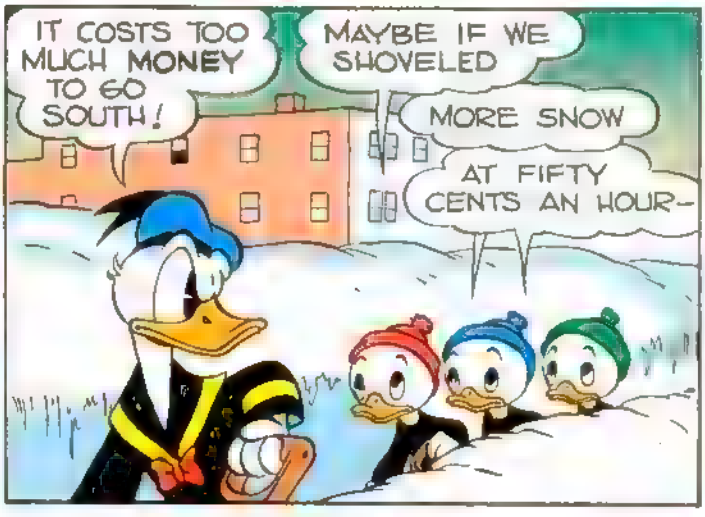
YOUCHY! WHOEVER BUILT THIS THING OUGHTA TAKE UP MOUSE-TRAPS, TOO!
OH-OH! I FORGOT TUH LET GO OF THUH CUCKOO BIRDIE WHEN I YANKED MUH FINGERS OUT!
IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOTTEN AT THUH ROOTS OF THUH TROUBLE BY PULLIN' IT OUT BY THUH ROOTS!
HMM... IT ALSO SAYS "REPLACE ANY PARTS THAT ARE BEYOND REPAIR!"
HOW TO FIX MOST ANYTHING
SO... IT'S A BEAUTY! I'LL TAKE THAT CUCKOO BIRDIE WITHOUT THUH CLOCK!
ARE YOU KIDDING? YOU EITHER TAKE THE WHOLE WORKS OR NOTHING!
CUCKOO!
CLOCKS ALL KINDS
WELL, CUCKOO TO HIM! I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA!
CLOCKS ALL KINDS
AND LATER...
IS IT FIXED?
IT'S BETTER THAN FIXED! YUK! NOW IT'S A REAL CUCKOO CLOCK...
CUCKOO! CUCKOO!
GONG! GONG!
A REAL LIVE CUCKOO BIRD!
YUP! GOT IT AT THUH RARE PET STORE AND TRAINED HIM!
WHEN HE HEARS THUH CLOCK'S GONG, HE STEPS OUT AND CUCKOOS RIGHT ALONG WITH THUH GONG!
HOW NOVEL!

BUT WHY DOESN'T HE GO BACK INSIDE NOW?
HE'S WAITIN' TUH BE FED!
GREEDY APPETITE! HOW MANY MEALS A DAY WILL HE EAT?
TWENTY-FOUR MEALS A DAY ... ON THUH HOUR... AND A SNACK ON EVERY HALF-HOUR!
YOU MEAN I'LL HAVE TO WAKE UP EVERY HALF-HOUR AT NIGHT TO FEED MY CLOCK?
DON'T WORRY! HE'LL WAKE YUH UP ON TIME!
WHOOPS! YUH GOTTA WATCH HIM! HE'S FRISKY!
CUCKOO!
HUMPH! AS A CLOCK FIXER YOU MAKE AN EVEN POORER ANIMAL TRAINER!
DON'T WORRY, SIR! I'LL SCOOP HIM UP IN A JIFFY!
EEK! STOP! YOU'RE BREAKING MY OTHER NICE THINGS, YOU MIXED-UP FIXER!
CUCKOO!
OOPS! HIGH WINDOW SILL!
CUCKOO!
SMASH!
DOGGONE! NOW I'VE REALLY GOT A PROBLEM!
CUCKOO!

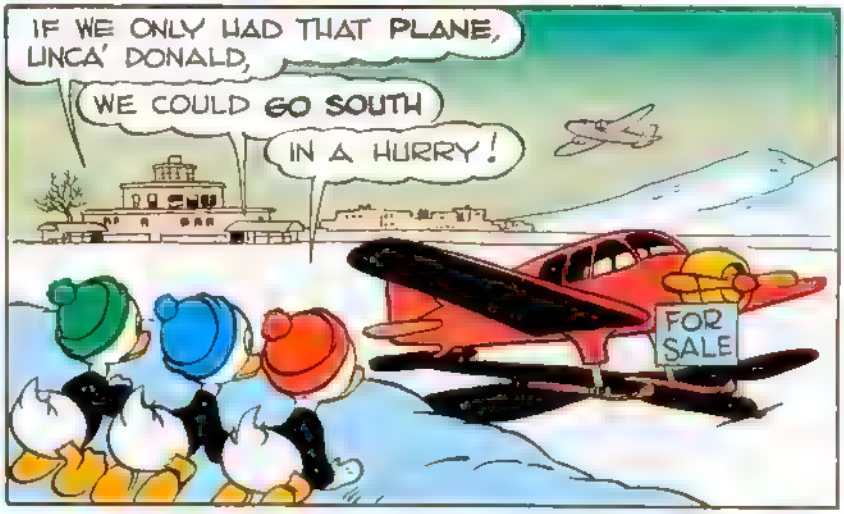
I SAY THERE! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT BIRD?
ER...I WAS PLANNIN' ON PUTTIN' HIM INSIDE A CLOCK!
YOU BEAST! BIRDS CAN'T STAND TO BE COOPED-UP IN TINY PLACES...THEY BELONG OUT IN NATURE WHERE THEY CAN FLY!
BY GUM! I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT!
I'VE GOT NEWS, SIR! YOU'LL HAVE TUH TAKE THIS CUCKOO OUT FOR FLYIN' EXERCISE PRETTY OFTEN!
AND I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, TOO! I'M GOING TO SETTLE OUR BILL!
THIS IS WHAT YOU OWE ME FOR THE DAMAGE YOU'VE DONE, PLUS ENOUGH MONEY FOR A BRAND-NEW CUCKOO CLOCK! YOU CAN KEEP THAT MESS!
(GULP!) I GUESS I'M NOT CUT OUT FOR THUH FIX-IT BUSINESS!
HMM! THUH INSIDE OF THUH CLOCK STILL WORKS! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
TIC! TOC!
AND LATER...
GOOFY'S FIX-IT SHOP
CLOSED
GO FIX IT YOURSELF! I'VE TURNED INVENTOR!
HUH?
GOOFY TURNED INVENTOR? GOSH, WHAT COULD HE INVENT?
IT'S AN INSIDE-OUT CUCKOO CLOCK, MICKEY!
CUCKOO!
THUH CUCKOO'S FREE AS A BIRD... BUT HE STILL COMES BACK AT FEEDIN' TIME!

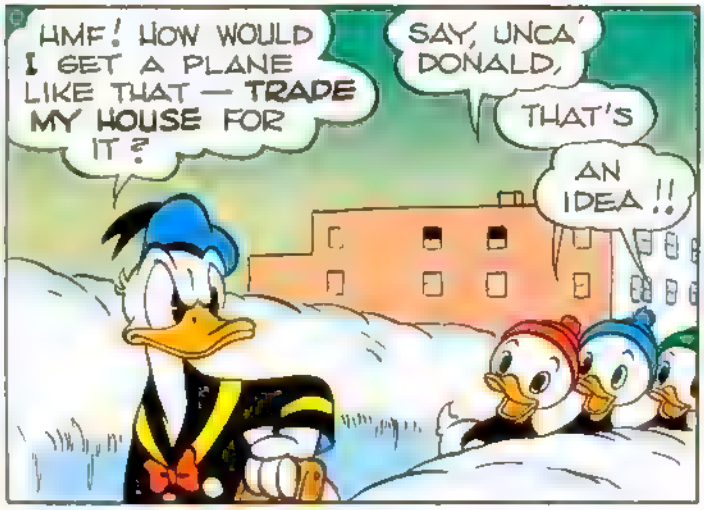

WALT DISNEY presents
Donald Duck
in
FROZEN GOLD

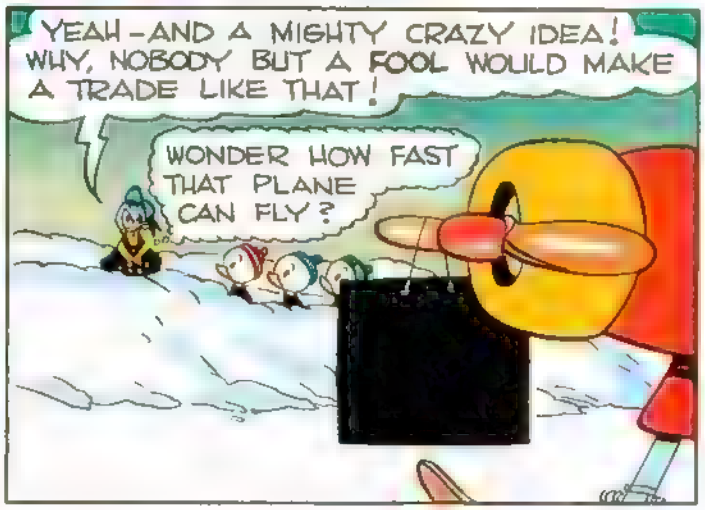

SNOW AND COLD! COLD AND SNOW! I'M SICK OF IT!
LET'S GO DOWN SOUTH, UNCA' DONALD!


IT COSTS TOO MUCH MONEY TO GO SOUTH!
MAYBE IF WE SHOVELED MORE SNOW AT FIFTY CENTS AN HOUR-

DON'T LET ME HEAR ANYMORE ABOUT SNOW! I'LL GO CRAZY!


IF WE ONLY HAD THAT PLANE, UNCA' DONALD,
WE COULD GO SOUTH IN A HURRY!
FOR SALE


HMF! HOW WOULD I GET A PLANE LIKE THAT — TRADE MY HOUSE FOR IT?
SAY, UNCA' DONALD, THAT'S AN IDEA!!


YEAH - AND A MIGHTY CRAZY IDEA! WHY, NOBODY BUT A FOOL WOULD MAKE A TRADE LIKE THAT!
WONDER HOW FAST THAT PLANE CAN FLY?

FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER!
O.K., MR DUCK, YOU'RE TRADING YOUR HOUSE AND LOT AND FOUR SNOW SHOVELS FOR MY AIRPLANE — IT'S A DEAL!
ALL SET, BOYS! GO HOME AND GET OUR LUGGAGE! WE'RE TAKING OFF AS SOON AS I CHANGE THE LANDING GEAR!
WE WON'T NEED THESE SKIS IN THE TROPICS! I'LL PUT WHEELS ON IT!
ONE MOMENT, MR. DUCK! I'M MAYOR FIZZLEBUDGET, AND I SEE YOU HAVE THE ONLY SKI-PLANE IN TOWN!
I'VE COME TO ASK YOU TO FLY YOUR PLANE ON A VERY DANGEROUS MISSION!
THE ANSWER IS 'NO'!
DON'T BE HASTY! BY YOUR HEROISM YOU CAN SAVE A WHOLE VILLAGE OF PEOPLE FROM A FRIGHTFUL SCOURGE!
WELL, MAYBE— WHAT'S THE DOPE?
WE WANT YOU TO FLY A CARGO OF PENICILLIN TO THE STRICKEN NATIVES OF —
THAT'S DIFFERENT! SURE! I'LL BE GLAD TO GO! WHERE IS THIS VILLAGE — MEXICO?
NO, IT'S UP NORTH— POINT MARROW, ALASKA!

DONALD'S FLIGHT IS DELAYED SEVERAL HOURS! MEANWHILE, HE FINDS THAT HE HAS BECOME SUDDENLY FAMOUS!
IF UNCA' DONALD STRUTS ANY HARDER,
HE IS GOING TO
FALL OVER BACKWARD!
NEWS
TODAY
TIMES
PENICILLIN PLANE TO FLY SO
CHRONICLE
HERO DUCK FETED
DAILY NEWS
DONALD DUCK EAGER HERO
DERE GOES DE GUYS DAT ARE FLYIN' DE PENICILLIN TO POINT MARROW!
SWELL! DEY MUST HAVE LEFT DE PLANE UNGUARDED! DIS IS OUR CHANCE!
IT'S A CABIN PLANE! WE CAN HIDE OUR PACKAGE BACK OF DE SEATS!
NOBODY WILL LOOK BACK HERE — UNLESS DEY'RE LOOKIN' FER SOMETHIN'!
NOW TO GET TO A TELEGRAPH OFFICE!
HERE, OPERATOR, CAN YOU GET DIS MESSAGE OFF TO POINT MARROW RIGHT AWAY?
YESSIR! TWO FIFTY, PLEASE!
POSTAL UNION
Pete de Fox - Point Marrow, alaska - It is coming on penicillin plane. Scarface
UNCA' DONALD, WE HAVE A FEELING
THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE TROUBLE
ON THIS TRIP!
PHOOEY! YOU KIDS ARE FRAIDY CATS! GO TO SLEEP!

DAWN AND THE TAKE-OFF INTO A GLOOMY SKY!
THEY'RE OFF!
BRAVO!
BOYS, I'M AFRAID WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT STORMS ALL THE WAY!
THE SNOW IS CLOSING IN, BUT I CAN STEER BY THE COMPASS!
SOMEWHERE IN CANADA!
THE WINGS
ARE ICING UP, UNCA' DONALD!
YEAH, I KNOW! WE'RE LOSING ALTITUDE!
THROW OUT EVERYTHING BUT THE PENICILLIN AND ONE PARACHUTE — WE'VE GOT TO LIGHTEN THE PLANE!
THERE GOES OUR COCOA,
AND OUR EMERGENCY RATIONS,
AND OUR VALISES!
AND HERE GO THE SEATS!
THAT'S GOOD, BOYS! HER NOSE IS COMIN' UP NOW!
HEY, UNCA' DONALD, LOOK AT THE LITTLE PACKAGE THAT WAS BEHIND THE SEAT! IT WASN'T THERE YESTERDAY!

IT'S TOO LIGHT TO BE A BOMB!! UNWRAP IT! IF IT'S NOTHING VALUABLE, WE'LL THROW IT OUT!
IT'S A METAL BOX, UNCA' DONALD!
AND IT'S LOCKED!
IT'S MARKED "PROPERTY OF KLONDIKE JOE"!
KLONDIKE JOE IS THAT QUEER OLD PROSPECTOR WHO LIVES ON OUR STREET! PEOPLE SAY HE HAS A MILLION IN GOLD BURIED SOMEWHERE IN ALASKA!
WONDER IF THERE'S GOLD IN THE BOX?
NAW! IT'S MORE LIKELY FULL OF LEGAL PAPERS! SOME THIEF STOLE THE BOX AND HID IT IN OUR PLANE WHEN THE COPS GOT TOO CLOSE!
WE'LL RETURN IT TO KLONDIKE JOE WHEN WE GET HOME! RIGHT NOW WE HAVE TO GET THAT PENICILLIN TO THOSE SICK ESKIMOS!
THROUGH THE LONG ARCTIC NIGHT THE VALIANT HEROES WING NORTHWARD!
AND AT DAWN THEY LOOK DOWN UPON THE FROZEN EAVES OF THE WORLD!
IS THAT THE ARCTIC CIRCLE DOWN THERE, UNCA' DONALD?
NO, THAT'S A CIRCLE TO SHOW US WHERE TO LAND! THIS MUST BE POINT MARROW!
BUT WHERE'S THE TOWN?
WE CAN'T SEE ANYTHING BUT SNOW!

THERE'S THE TOWN!
DOWN UNDER
THE SNOW!
WELCOME TO POINT MARROW!
THE PENICILLIN IS RUSHED TO THE VILLAGE HOSPITAL WHILE DONALD AND THE KIDS SECURE THE PLANE TO HEAVY STAKES!
FOLLOW ME AND I WILL GUIDE YOU TO THE NORTHERN LIGHTS HOTEL!
AND TO THINK I'D EXPECTED TO BE IN FLORIDA TODAY!
NORTHERN LIGHTS HOTEL
WHAT IS THAT ROARING SOUND
COMING UP
OVER THERE?
WOOOOO
IT'S A BLIZZARD! GRAB A STAKE AND HOLD ON! WE HAVEN'T TIME TO REACH THE HOTEL!
SEVERAL MINUTES OF THIS!
THEN-
I'LL BE DOGGONED!
NORTHERN LIGHTS HOTEL
FURS

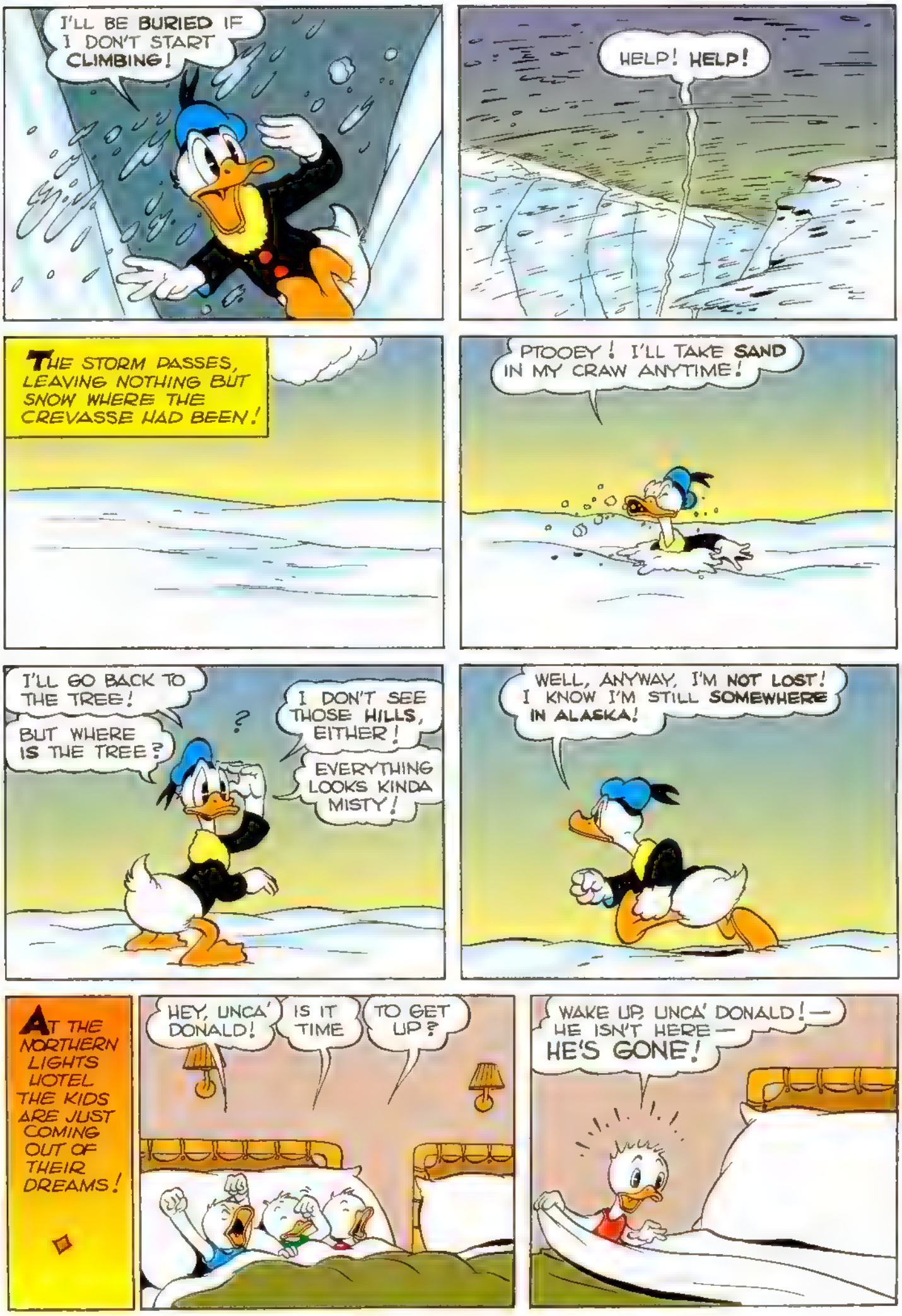
CLIMBING A LADDER TO THE LOBBY SEEMS SILLY! WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A DOOR ON THE GROUND FLOOR?
WE HAVE ONE, BUT YOU CAN'T SEE IT — IT'S TWO STORIES DOWN!
NOT BAD! NOT BAD!
DONALD DUCK ARRIVES TODAY
DID YOU BRING THE BOX, UNCA' DONALD?
YEAH, I'VE GOT IT!
I'M TOO TIRED TO UNDRESS! I'LL PUT THE BOX UNDER MY PILLOW AND GO TO SLEEP!
IN THE DARKNESS...
DE MESSAGE SAID IT'D BE ON DE PENICILLIN PLANE! KEEP AN EYE PEELED WHILE I HAVE A LOOK!
COISES! IT AIN'T HERE! DEM DUMB DUCKS MUSTA FOUND IT!
WE'LL GO TO DE HOTEL! I'M GONNA SOICH THEIR ROOM!
AND WHILE THE WEARY HEROES SLEEP..

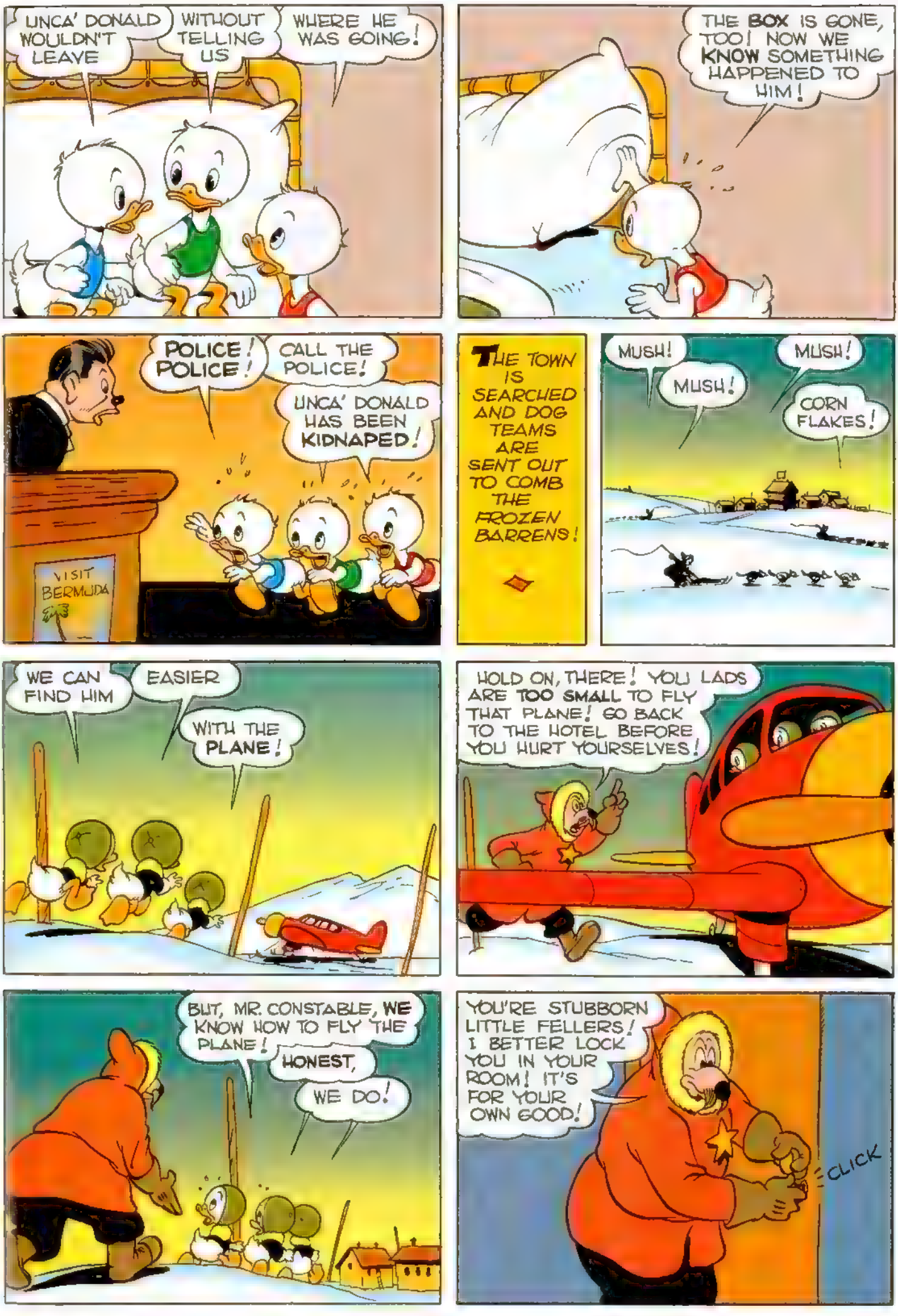
DEY DON'T HAVE ANY LUGGAGE! WHERE DO DEY KEEP DE BOX?
AH! HERE IT IS!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
I AIN'T GOT TIME TO ANSWER QUESTIONS!
I GOT DE BOX O K!
BUT WHY DID YOU BRING DAT DUCK?
WE GOT A LOOK AT ME FACE! WE HAVE TO GET RID O' HIM!
HECK, DAT'S SIMPLE!
LET'S CROAK HIM RIGHT HERE!
DON'T BE SO DUMB! DE CONSTABLE COULD TRACE DE CRIME TO US!
WE'LL TOIN HIM LOOSE ABOUT THOITY MILES OUT OF TOWN AN' LET DE COLD FINISH HIM OFF!

GEE, THESE ARE TOUGH GUYS! I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE UP TO!
BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER HADN'T WE BETTER OPEN DE BOX AN' SEE IF EVERYTHING IS O.K.?
GOOD IDEA!
DIS SCREWDRIVER BEATS A KEY!
AH! HERE IT IS—DE MAP OF KLONDIKE JOE'S GOLD CLAIM!
THE GOLD CACHE IS BURIED UNDER DE TAILIN'S! NO WONDER NOBODY EVER FOUND IT!
TUNNEL
BLUFF
CREEK
CABIN
TAILINGS
GOLD CACHE
MUSH! WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO DIG UP A MILLION DOLLARS IN GOLD!
YOU DIRTY CROOKS! YOU STOLE THAT MAP FROM KLONDIKE JOE AND NOW YOU'RE GOIN' TO STEAL HIS GOLD!
MY, AIN'T YOU A BRIGHT ONE! BUT IT WON'T DO YOU NO GOOD! BY DE TIME SOMEBODY FINDS YER BONES, WE'LL BE IN RIO, LIVIN' LIKE KINGS!

LONG HOURS PASS!
THIS BARE PLAIN IS A GOOD PLACE TO LEAVE OUR LITTLE FRIEND!
WE CAN TIE HIM TO DAT LONE TREE! IT'S DE ONLY LIVIN' THING IN MILES!
GOOD LUCK, BRIGHT EYES! I HOPE YOU DON'T FROSTBITE BADLY— OR DO I?
THESE ROPES AREN'T TIED WELL! I'M SURE I CAN GET LOOSE IN AN HOUR OR SO!
I KNOW WHAT YE'RE THINKIN', PUNK! AN' GET DIS—I WANT YOU TO GET LOOSE! I WANT YOU TO WANDER AROUND ON DE BARRENS AN' FREEZE! DEN NOBODY CAN EVER PROVE FOXY PETE HAD A HAND IN DE TRAGEDY!
TOODLE DE DOO, LITTLE ONE!
THAT GUY'S AS DUMB AS THEY MAKE 'EM! ANY FATHEAD COULD FOLLOW THEIR SLED TRACKS OUT FROM TOWN!
OH, OH! WHAT'S THAT ROAR COMIN'?
WOOOO
GOODNIGHT TO THOSE TRACKS!

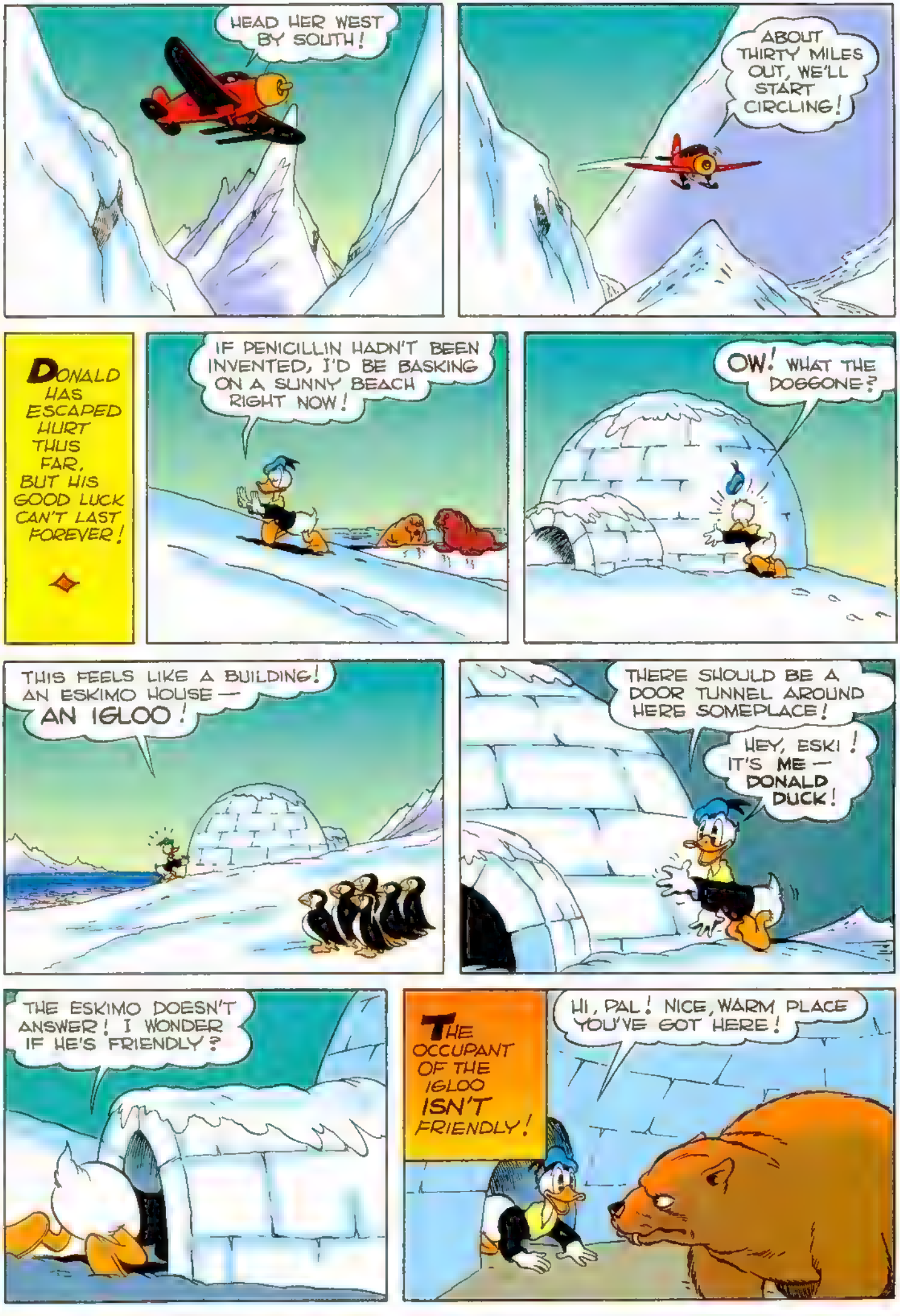
THE TRACKS ARE GONE, BUT I CAN STILL FIND MY WAY BACK TO TOWN! THEN I'LL GUIDE A POSSE OUT HERE AND CAPTURE THOSE CROOKS!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE WALKED AROUND THE TREE SO MANY TIMES! I'M NOT SURE NOW WHICH WAY TO GO!
I'LL TRY THIS DIRECTION! THERE'S MOUNTAINS AWAY OFF – MAYBE THEY'RE THE ONES WE CAME THROUGH LAST NIGHT!
I COULD USE A GOOD HOT BREAKFAST RIGHT NOW!
COUNTRY SAUSAGE!
SIXTEEN PANCAKES!
HOT BUTTERED BUNS!
FISH AND CHIPS!
SEVERAL MILES LATER!
A CREVASSE! I DON'T REMEMBER CROSSING THIS ON THE WAY OUT! I BETTER GO BACK TO THE TREE AND START OVER AGAIN!
OH, OH!
OOF!
NOW WHAT? – IT'S THAT ROARING WIND COMING AGAIN!
WOOO


I'LL BE BURIED IF I DON'T START CLIMBING!
HELP! HELP!
THE STORM PASSES, LEAVING NOTHING BUT SNOW WHERE THE CREVASSE HAD BEEN!
PTOOEY! I'LL TAKE SAND IN MY CRAW ANYTIME!
I'LL GO BACK TO THE TREE!
BUT WHERE IS THE TREE?
?
I DON'T SEE THOSE HILLS, EITHER!
EVERYTHING LOOKS KINDA MISTY!
WELL, ANYWAY, I'M NOT LOST! I KNOW I'M STILL SOMEWHERE IN ALASKA!
AT THE NORTHERN LIGHTS HOTEL THE KIDS ARE JUST COMING OUT OF THEIR DREAMS!
HEY, UNCA' DONALD!
IS IT TIME
TO GET UP?
WAKE UP, UNCA' DONALD! — HE ISN'T HERE — HE'S GONE!


UNCA' DONALD WOULDN'T LEAVE
WITHOUT TELLING US
WHERE HE WAS GOING!
THE BOX IS GONE, TOO! NOW WE KNOW SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIM!
POLICE! POLICE!
CALL THE POLICE!
UNCA' DONALD HAS BEEN KIDNAPED!
VISIT BERMUDA
THE TOWN IS SEARCHED AND DOG TEAMS ARE SENT OUT TO COMB THE FROZEN BARRENS!
MUSH!
MUSH!
MUSH!
CORN FLAKES!
WE CAN FIND HIM
EASIER
WITH THE PLANE!
HOLD ON, THERE! YOU LADS ARE TOO SMALL TO FLY THAT PLANE! GO BACK TO THE HOTEL BEFORE YOU HURT YOURSELVES!
BUT, MR. CONSTABLE, WE KNOW HOW TO FLY THE PLANE!
HONEST,
WE DO!
YOU'RE STUBBORN LITTLE FELLERS! I BETTER LOCK YOU IN YOUR ROOM! IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!
CLICK

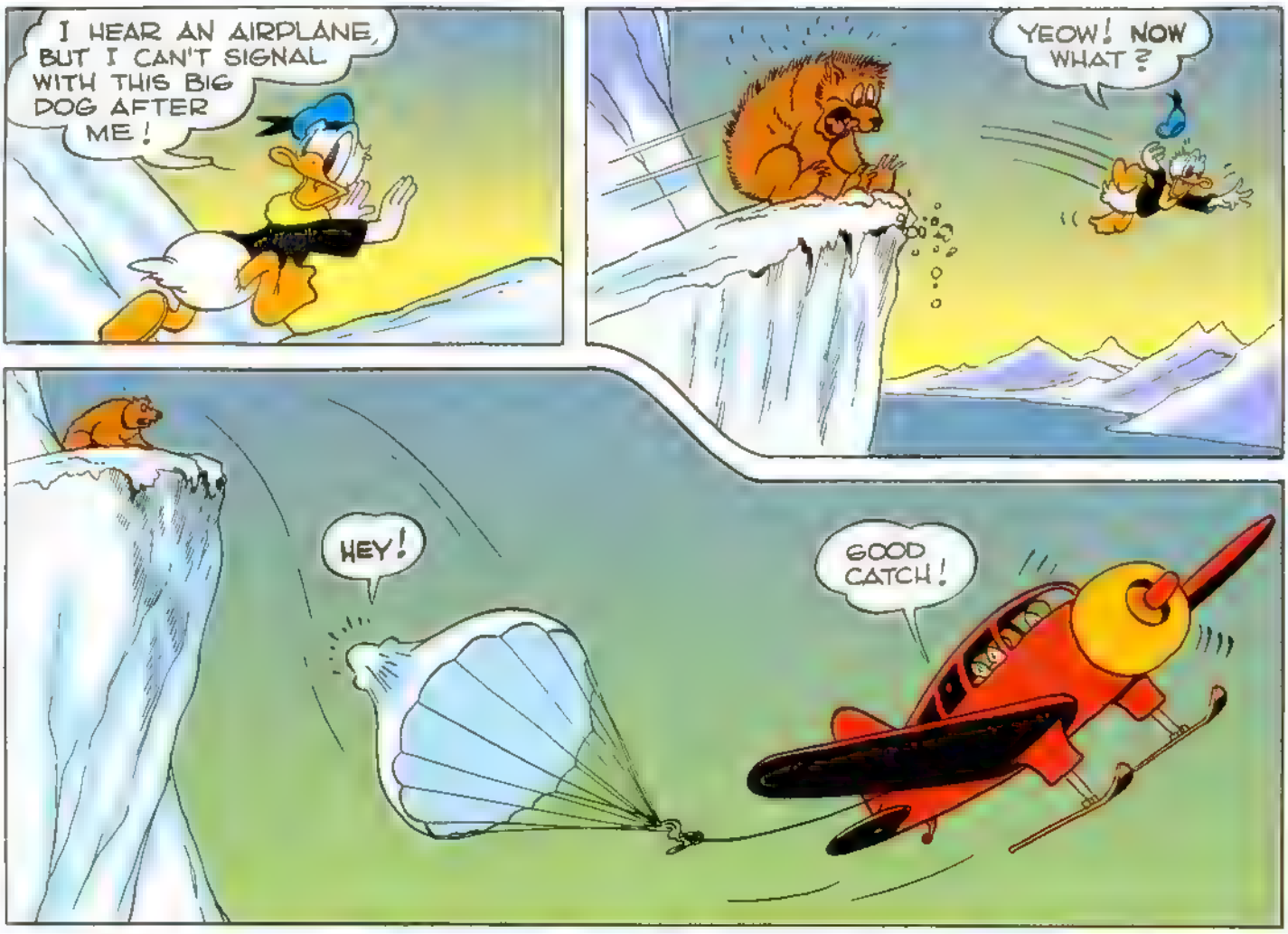
MEANWHILE DONALD'S PREDICAMENT HAS BECOME WORSE! THE GLARE HAS MADE HIM SNOWBLIND, AND HE STRUGGLES ALONG, UNABLE TO SEE A THING!
SURE HAS BEEN A SHORT DAY! IT HAS GOTTEN DARK ALREADY!
LUCKY FOR ME THAT THE SNOW IS ALL LEVEL AROUND HERE!
AND THERE ARE NO LAKES OR THINGS TO FALL INTO!
I HEAR CRUNCHING—LIKE BIG CHUNKS OF ICE RUBBING TOGETHER!
THE DRIFTING FLOES CLOSE THE GAPS AHEAD OF DONALD'S FEET!
THE GROUND SEEMS TO BE MOVING!
BUT IT'S AS EVEN AS A FLOOR!
KINDA SLIPPERY IN SPOTS!
IT'S NICE TO KNOW THAT NO ANIMALS LIVE IN THESE LATITUDES!

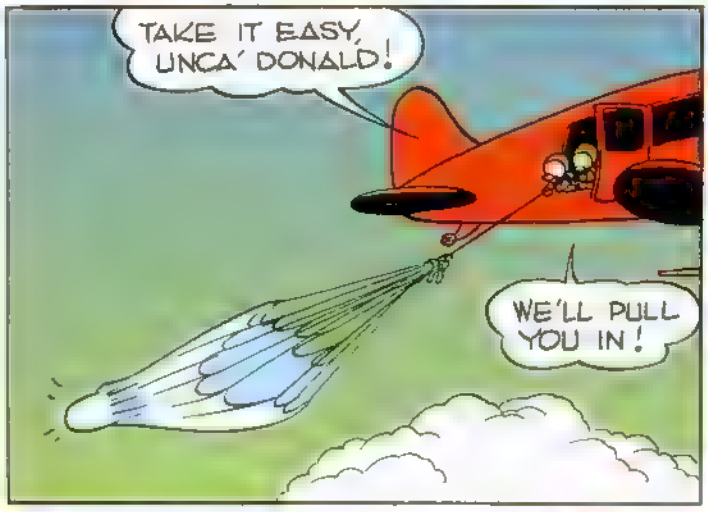
TOO COLD UP HERE FOR WALRUSES!
I MUST BE GOIN' CRAZY! I KEEP THINKIN' I HEAR SOMETHING BREATHING!
MEANWHILE THE KIDS HAVE BEEN DOING THEIR BEST TO ESCAPE FROM THE HOTEL!
THERE! I GOT IT THAT TIME!
CLICK
WE'LL JUMP OUT THE FIRE-ESCAPE WINDOW!
NOBODY AROUND! WE CAN REACH THE PLANE O.K.!
HOW MUCH GAS IS IN THE TANKS?
NOT MUCH!
WE HAVEN'T TIME TO FILL IT!
CUT THE SNUBBIN' ROPES! WE HAVEN'T TIME TO WARM UP THE MOTOR!
OH, LITTLE ENGINE, DON'T YOU STALL!

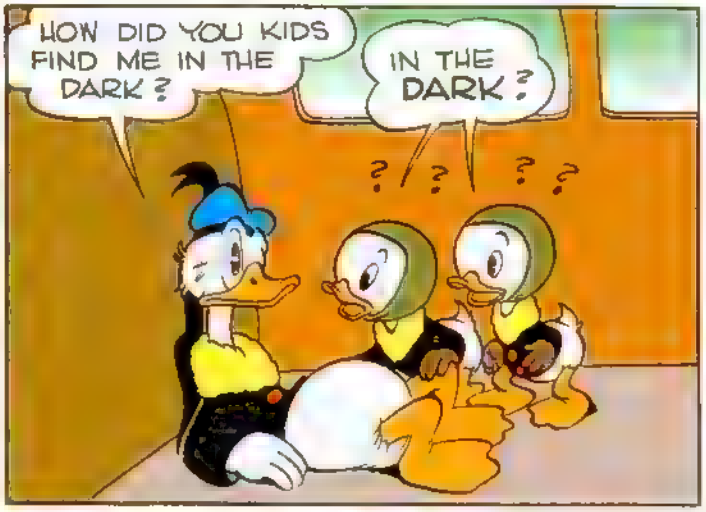

HEAD HER WEST BY SOUTH!
ABOUT THIRTY MILES OUT, WE'LL START CIRCLING!
DONALD HAS ESCAPED HURT THUS FAR, BUT HIS GOOD LUCK CAN'T LAST FOREVER!
IF PENICILLIN HADN'T BEEN INVENTED, I'D BE BASKING ON A SUNNY BEACH RIGHT NOW!
OW! WHAT THE DOGGONE?
THIS FEELS LIKE A BUILDING! AN ESKIMO HOUSE — AN IGLOO!
THERE SHOULD BE A DOOR TUNNEL AROUND HERE SOMEPLACE!
HEY, ESKI! IT'S ME — DONALD DUCK!
THE ESKIMO DOESN'T ANSWER! I WONDER IF HE'S FRIENDLY?
THE OCCUPANT OF THE IGLOO ISN'T FRIENDLY!
HI, PAL! NICE, WARM PLACE YOU'VE GOT HERE!

QUEER GUY! MAYBE HE'S NOT USED TO WHITE MEN! NO DOUBT HE'S COWERING IN TERROR! I'LL GIVE HIM A LINE OF FRIENDLY CHATTER!
AH, HERE Y'ARE! NICE FUR COAT YOU HAVE! --- THAT'D COST YOU $200 IN SALT LAKE CITY!
I'LL GIVE YOU FIVE DOLLARS FOR IT RIGHT HERE!
HOW ABOUT TAKIN' IT OFF? I WANT TO TRY IT ON!
RRRR
OH, OH! — WRONG NUMBER!
I DIDN'T KNOW ESKIMO DOGS GREW THAT BIG!
HE'S FOLLOWIN' ME — I CAN FEEL HIS BREATH!
GO BACK, FIDO! YOUR MASTER WON'T LIKE IT IF YOU RUN AWAY!

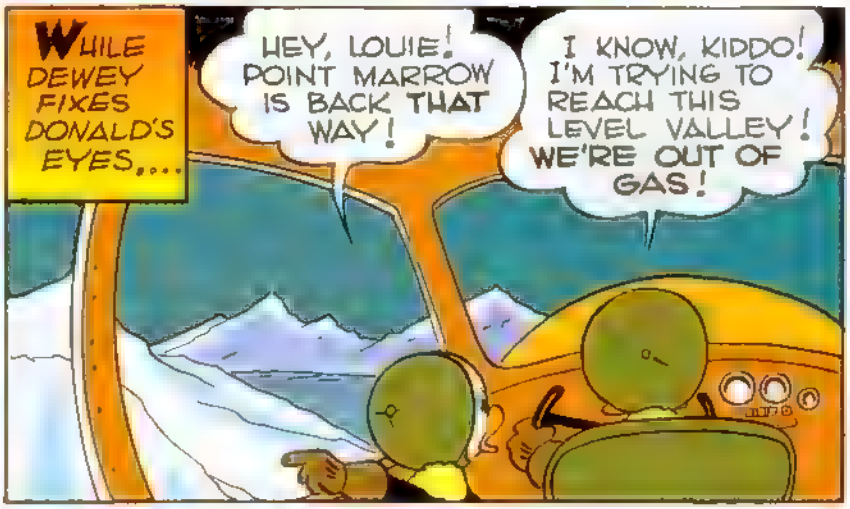
THERE'S A LONE TREE DOWN THERE!
LET'S USE IT FOR A MARK
AND START CIRCLING!
WE HAVE ONLY ENOUGH GAS FOR TWENTY MINUTES!
LATER
TEN MINUTES GONE! SEE ANYTHING AT ALL?
NOTHING BUT A LOT OF WALRUSES AND AN OLD DESERTED IGLOO!
WE BETTER HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT THAT IGLOO!
HEY! DROP LOWER! I SEE TRACKS IN THE SNOW!
THEY'RE UNCA' DONALD'S TRACKS!
AND A BEAR'S TRACKS!
GO FASTER! WE HAVE TO CATCH THEM!
WE CAN'T LAND! HOW'LL WE SAVE UNCA' DONALD?
I KNOW! GET OUR ONE PARACHUTE— TIE A ROPE TO THE HARNESS AND DO AS I SAY!


I HEAR AN AIRPLANE, BUT I CAN'T SIGNAL WITH THIS BIG DOG AFTER ME!
YEOW! NOW WHAT?
HEY!
GOOD CATCH!


TAKE IT EASY, UNCA' DONALD!
WE'LL PULL YOU IN!


HOW DID YOU KIDS FIND ME IN THE DARK?
IN THE DARK?
? ? ? ?

UNCA' DONALD IS SNOWBLIND! GET THE FIRST AID KIT, HUEY!


WHILE DEWEY FIXES DONALD'S EYES,...
HEY, LOUIE! POINT MARROW IS BACK THAT WAY!
I KNOW, KIDDO! I'M TRYING TO REACH THIS LEVEL VALLEY! WE'RE OUT OF GAS!

TRY TO REACH THE END OF THE VALLEY! I THINK I SAW A CABIN BEYOND THAT RIDGE!
ALL OUT! END OF THE LINE!
SEE! THERE IS A CABIN — AND THERE'S SOMEBODY IN IT!
OH, BOY! OH, BOY!
WHAT A LUCKY BREAK!
THESE POOR, LONELY PEOPLE
WILL BE GLAD TO SEE US,
NO DOUBT!
KNOCK KNOCK
WHADDAYA WANT? — OH, IT'S YOU PUNKS, EH?
I'D KNOW THAT VOICE ANYWHERE! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES, KIDS! THAT'S THE GUY THAT KIDNAPED ME!
STOP! I SEE I DIDN'T FINISH YOU DE FOIST TIME! REACH FER DE SKY AN' COME TRIPPIN' BACK TO FOXY PETE!

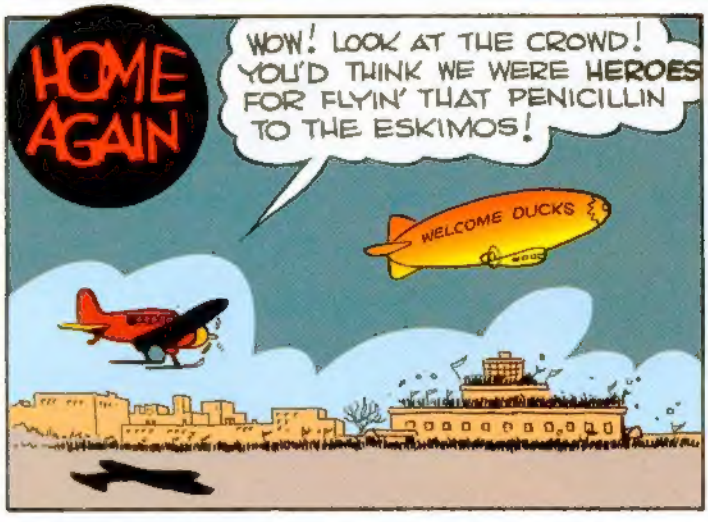
WHAT'RE YUH GONNA DO WIT 'EM, PETE?
I'LL TELL YUH LATER! —— GIT INSIDE, YOU PUNKS!
GOLD!
SACKS AND SACKS OF GOLD!
YEAH! KLONDIKE JOE'S GOLD!
GIT IN DIS BACK ROOM! YOU WON'T BE DERE LONG!
YOU AIN'T GONNA TOIN 'EM LOOSE AGIN, ARE YUH, PETE?
NO! AS SOON AS WE GET DIS GOLD SACKED, WE'LL BOIN DOWN DE SHACK WIT DEM IN IT!
BOYS, WE'RE IN A TOUGH SPOT! THESE GUYS ARE MEAN ENOUGH TO DO IT!
WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY OUT OF HERE, QUICK!
THE WINDOW IS BOARDED UP FROM THE OUTSIDE!
PSST! YOU GUYS! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS CHIMNEY!
IT'S A MIGHTY SMALL FLUE!
BUT I THINK WE CAN SQUEEZE THROUGH IT!
I KNOW WE CAN! GET OUT OF YOUR COATS!

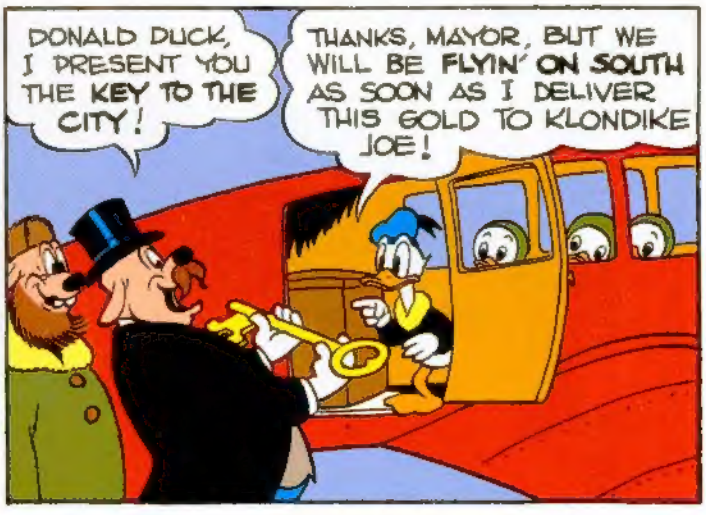
O.K., SO FAR!
PSST, UNCA' DONALD!
CLIMB OUT THIS WINDOW!
AND BRING OUR COATS!
WE'RE STILL IN A BAD FIX!
HEY, WAIT!
LOOK AT THIS! A LOT OF CABLES, AND A MOTOR — AND A BARREL OF GASOLINE!
THIS STUFF WAS PROBABLY LEFT BY SOME OTHER GANG THAT TRIED TO FIND KLONDIKE'S GOLD! PUT THE GAS IN THE PLANE, BOYS! I'M GOIN' TO BE BUSY FOR A FEW MINUTES!
THOSE MUGS ARE GONNA BE SORRY THEY EVER GOT TOUGH WITH DONALD DUCK!
I'LL WIND CABLE AROUND THIS CABIN LIKE THREAD ON A SPOOL!
I WISH I COULD SEE IT! I BET IT LOOKS PRETTY!

THERE'S OUR MILLION DOLLARS IN GOLD! NOW TO MAKE OUR GETAWAY!
I'LL SAY GOODBYE TO DESE DUMB DUCKS, FOIST! HAW! HAW!
WHAT DE BLAZES? DEY'RE GONE!
DEY CAN'T BE FUR AWAY! I'LL SHOOT 'EM TO PIECES!
SPRONG
LISTEN! I HEAR AN AIRPLANE!
?
THE CABIN'S MOVIN'!
OPEN HER UP, BOYS! WE'LL GIVE THESE CROOKS A RIDE THEY'LL NEVER FORGET!
BAM
THUMP

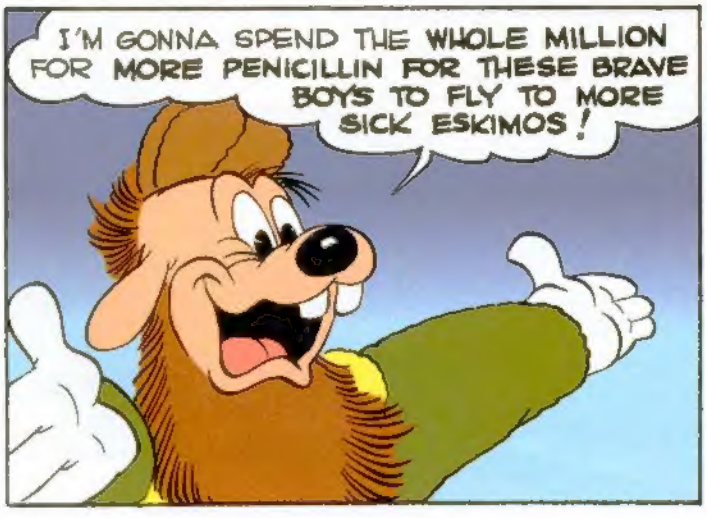
OUR HEROES DELIVER THE CROOKS, CABIN AND ALL, TO THE CONSTABLE AT POINT MARROW! THEN, WITH KLONDIKE JOE'S GOLD ABOARD THEIR PLANE, THEY TURN SOUTH FOR HOME!

WE'RE GLAD YOUR EYES ARE WELL AGAIN, UNCA' DONALD!
AND I'M GLAD TO BE HEADIN' SOUTH — I NEVER WANT TO SEE ANYMORE SNOW AS LONG AS I LIVE!




DONALD DUCK, I PRESENT YOU THE KEY TO THE CITY!
THANKS, MAYOR, BUT WE WILL BE FLYIN' ON SOUTH AS SOON AS I DELIVER THIS GOLD TO KLONDIKE JOE!

LADY'WIMMIN AN' GINTS, I NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE THIS HERE GOLD AGIN, SO I'M GONNA DO A RIGHT HANDSOME THING WITH IT!
HOORAY!
ATTABOY, KLONDIKE!
YIPPEE KI YI!



LETTERS

WALT DISNEY'S COMICS AND STORIES

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Although I am addressing this to *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories,* it is actually about the entire Gemstone line. Since I am not Danny Horn or Joe Torcivia, I don't know if it—or part of it—will be used, but I thought I would comment anyway.

I have been a reader of the Disney Comics since the mid-1940s, at the age of five or six, when my parents got me a subscription as a gift. I realize if I had saved all those old issues I could sell them and retire, but in those days, who knew? For a while as a teen and young adult, I stopped reading them, but began following them again in the 70s when the great reprint digests were published and I have followed them ever since. I have purchased two copies (one for me and one for my granddaughter) of every issue since Gemstone brought them back last year. That said, I thought you might like my comments. Technically, the quality is the best I have ever seen in a Disney comic. Even the Digests are printed on quality paper that makes them much easier to read than previous digests printed on newsprint. The art from the old comics holds up beautifully, but the art from the new material is just as good.

It is only in the storytelling that I greatly prefer reprints to the new material. It's taken awhile to put my finger on the problem, but I think I have figured it out. Classic stories by Carl Barks and Don Rosa are timeless. Stories from 50 years ago do not seem at all dated. Most of the new stories, however are so tied in to the last 5 or 10 years that they will seem terribly dated 10 or 15 years from now, whereas the older stories will still be timeless. And with many of the stories being European, they have less interest to American readers who know nothing about soccer or Scandinavian legends.

If your comics were aimed at children, I could understand the attempt to tell stories they could relate to, even if they did become out of date very fast. But since your comics are sold only at comic specialty shops, the young kids have no access to them like they did when every corner drugstore sold them. I also find it odd that the Disney stores or the stores at the theme parks do not sell your comics. I'm sure many parents who are comic fans buy them for their children, but the vast majority will never even go to a comic store. The store I go to keeps a few copies on display, and when I asked the owner how they were selling, he said better than the Gladstones used to sell but not nearly as well as they should, considering the quality.

I know from time to time you have been adjusting the content of each title, and I have a suggestion. For *WDC&S* and *Uncle Scrooge,* make them more reprint material and restrict their sales to comic shops. For *Mickey Mouse and Friends* and *Donald Duck and Friends,* use all new material and attempt to have them distributed to mass market stores. I started reading the Digests in the 70s because they were at the checkout lines where I did my grocery shopping. Leave the content of the Digests alone, but distribute them to both kinds of outlets. This way, comic fans could get the classic reprints at a comic store, while younger readers could be introduced to the characters at stores where their parents shop anyway.

Keep up the good work. Even with the uninteresting new material, the Disney Comics are still the best comics being published today, and I would rather read a comic with only half of the stories to my liking than any other comic on the market.

—William E. Lurie
via email

As you can see, William, you don't have to be Danny Horn or Joe Torciwia to get printed. But you do have to write a well-thought-out letter of comment. (Obvious hint to other readers.)

Personally, I believe that much of the modern material is every bit as entertaining as the old stuff. And that much of the reprint material is not as good as a lot of the new stuff. But the old stories are nostalgic and even young readers like to see them, so we print them.

Carl Barks certainly wrote timeless stories of a caliber that will never be surpassed. But I think you may be turning a blind eye toward the material that you love with regard to the "non-dated" nature of such stories.

We just reprinted a Barks 10-pager in which Donald used an almanac to look up a weather forecast—rather than just go to weather.com. And we've reprinted stories dealing with Victory Gardens and the Cold War. All pretty dated stuff, eh? But despite the fact that those stories are dated, they are still entertaining and will always be so; because that's really the definition of "timelessness," isn't it? Not that the concepts or lifestyles contained within them never go out of fashion, but that you can always appreciate the humor of them. I think if you apply this criterion to many of our modern tales, you'll agree with me that they, too, will be reprintable for the enjoyment of future generations.

We are making an effort to rebuild a young reader base, by the way. The going has been slow, but we're getting there.

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